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## PACE grants awarded to eyesore structure at gateway

BY BOB DEMAREE

A structure that for years has stood as a decaying eyesore at Madison's front door, received PACE Review Committee approval Tuesday for two \$25,000 dilapidated structure grants — one for each side of the duplex.

The two-story Italianate circa 1860 structure, owned since April by Brian

and Lori Martin, at 811 East Second Street, stands in a critical location to Madison's gateway coming off the Milton-Madison Bridge, located at East Second and Harrison Streets, making it highly visible as local residents and motorists arrive and depart Madison on the US 421 bridge.

"It's been ugly for a long time," said

Brian Martin, estimating the structure has been vacant more than 30 years.

The frame structure was built as a duplex in two parcels. "It's split right down the middle from front to back," he said.

But at some point in the past a

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Bob Demaree

The ribbon-cutting for the Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana's new permanent home at 601 West Street, Madison, was Wednesday. In the front, Sarah Brichto, CAC executive director (center, brown dress), and her staff cut the ribbon. Directly behind Brichto is Madison Mayor Bob Courtney, Bethany Legacy Foundation CEO Dora Anim, CAC board president Mary Beth Boone and Lieutenant Governor Suzanne Crouch.

## CAC celebrates new permanent home on West Street

BY BOB DEMAREE

Mary Beth Boone has been passionate about the Children's Advocacy Center having its very own place in Jefferson County and she was filled with pride when the agency held a ribbon-cutting Wednesday at its new home at 601 West Street in downtown Madison.

"I never thought this day would come. I'm so proud of what's to come for the children of Jefferson County," said Boone, president of the Children's Advocacy Center of Southeastern Indiana, an organization that describes itself as a child-friendly non-profit corporation created to minimize the trauma suffered

by victims of child abuse. "We have worked since 2015 on this project because it's something I believed our community needed more than ever," said Boone.

The CAC for Jefferson County had been located just four blocks away at the Clearinghouse, but that was a shared building and due to

the proximity to other social service agencies, the move was needed to provide a healthier space for children. Rehabilitation of the house at 601 West Street was funded by a \$500,000 Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Block Grant and

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## Upcoming music events worth your time

There are two music shows coming up this weekend that deserve your special attention, and a unique music event coming up at the end of August you'll want to put on our calendar so you can make sure you don't miss it.

Let's start with this Friday at Red Bicycle Hall, where the Cincinnati-based band The Tillers will be performing their special brand of Americana roots musical magic. This trio has been



CHARLIE ROHLFING

CHARLIE'S BEAT

a mainstay of the regional music festival scene for many years and they have a huge and loyal following.

They have played at Red Bike many times in the past 10 years, and they are perennial headliners at the much-loved Whispering Beard music fest that used to be held in Friendship, Indiana (now in Cleves, Ohio). Their style is a little bit old-timey, a tiny bit country-bluegrass, and a whole lot of

foot-stompin' fun. All I can say is ... trust me on this one, you'll end the night with a huge smile on your face.

You'll need tickets for this show, available at [MadTixEvents.com](http://MadTixEvents.com). But before you go online to buy tickets, keep reading. There is another show you'll want to see on Saturday night, and you can get a discounted COMBO ticket for both shows!

The show on Saturday is a production of Kindred Folk Society, the folks who bring all kinds of

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Virginia-based Holy Rollers will bring high-energy country rock to Red Bicycle Hall on Saturday, July 13, with Jordan Wilson playing as the opener starting at 8 p.m.



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## OBITUARIES

## Dr. Paul Robert Ellefsen

Dr. Paul Robert Ellefsen, age 85, Stoughton/ Hanover, IN, passed away on Saturday, June 29, 2024. He was born in Chicago, IL, on June 20, 1939, to Jacob Peter and Mae Evelyn Reynertson Ellefsen.

He married Barbara S. Clark in 1962. Together they had four children, Peter Dean (Peggy), Minneapolis, MI., Sara Lynn (Jen Dolan), San Francisco, CA; Thomas John (Vanessa), Hackensack, MI., and Eric Paul, Stoughton, WI.

Paul's grandchildren include Carly Ellefsen (Peter Goodwin), Jon Ellefsen, Erin Ellefsen (Andy Johnson), Caitlyn Mabbott (Paul Mabbott), Sabrina Finn, Beck Nicholas Ellefsen Dolan, Eliana Barrett, Marjorie Mae Ellefsen, Clara Rose Ellefsen, and a great grandchild, Ruby Mabbott.

A memorial service will be held at GUNDERSON STOUGHTON FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 1358 Highway 51 N. at



Jackson St., Stoughton, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2024. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until the time of the service on Saturday.

Paul's ashes will be interred at Hanover Presbyterian Cemetery, Hanover, IN.

Donations in Paul's memory may be made to Hanover Presbyterian Church or the Hanover Presbyterian Cemetery. Online condolences may be made at <http://www.gundersonfh.com>. Local arrangements by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

## Thelma J. Russell Mullett

Thelma J. Russell Mullett, age 91, of Hanover, IN, entered this life on August 13, 1932 in Oskaloosa, Iowa. The daughter of the late Paul and Ruth Steele Russell. Thelma died peacefully on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 2 p.m. at her home in Hanover, IN, with family by her side.

Thelma will be missed by her loving daughter, Deborah Jeanne Mullett Evans of Ypsilanti, MI; her loving sons, Russell Mullett and his wife Lisa of Paxton, IL, Keith Mullett and Stephanie Carpenter of Englewood, CO; her loving son in law, Robert Clark of Scottsburg, IN; her grandchildren, Carrie Evans, Daniel Clark, Ryan Mullett, Nick Mullett, Jessica Clark, Elizabeth Mullett, Nate Mullett, and Christopher Mullett; her great grandchildren, Jonathon, Adrianna, Aiden, Finn, CJ, Jaxton, and Fred; her brother, George Russell and his wife, Anita of Goleta, CA; and other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father,

Paul Russell; her mother, Ruth Steele Russell; her husband of 49 years, Fred Mullett, died February 22, 2002; her daughter, Donna Mullett Clark; her son in law, Roy Evans, Jr.

Memorial services will be conducted Sunday, October 13, 2024, at 2 p.m., by Pastor Luke Richards at the Hanover United Methodist Church, 220 East LaGrange Road in Hanover, IN. Interment will follow in the Hanover Cemetery, Logan Point Drive in Hanover, IN.

## VISITATION

Friends may visit Sunday, October 13, 2024, from 1 — 2 p.m. at the Hanover United Methodist Church in Hanover, IN.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Hanover United Methodist Church or the Amedisys Hospice. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials can be left at [www.morgan-nay.com](http://www.morgan-nay.com).

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## DEATH NOTICES

**Dr. Jean Baglan DMD, 71**, of Bowling Green, KY, and formerly of Carrollton, KY, died Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, after a long illness. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, July 15, at St. John's Catholic Church in Carrollton, with burial in Carrollton IOOF Cemetery. Local arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, [www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com).

**Mark Houston Eleazer, 65**, of Lexington, IN, died Monday, July 8, 2024, at Lake Pointe Village in Scottsburg, IN. Arrangements will be announced by Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, [www.lytlewelty.com](http://www.lytlewelty.com).

**Vicky Denise Carmack Harlow, 58**, of Carrollton, KY, died Wednesday, July 3, 2024, at Jewish Hospital in Louisville. Funeral service was Tuesday, July 9, at Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, [www.haskellandmorrisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.haskellandmorrisonfuneralhome.com).

**Loretta Ophelia Koerber, 89**, of Warsaw, KY, died Monday, July 8, 2024, in Warsaw, KY. Graveside service will be at noon on Friday, July 12, at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown, KY. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, KY, [www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com).

**Rebecca Lee Lagle, 70**, of Bedford, KY, died Saturday, July 6, 2024, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at the convenience of the family. Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, [www.ransdellfuneral.com](http://www.ransdellfuneral.com).

**Irene "Granny" Castle Bowman Martin, 96**, Bennington, IN, died Saturday, July 6, 2024, at St. Elizabeth Dearborn Hospital in Lawrenceburg, IN. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, July 12, at Brushy Fork Baptist Church in Canaan, IN, with interment in the Pleasant Cemetery in Pleasant, IN. Arrangements by Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, IN, [www.haskellandmorrisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.haskellandmorrisonfuneralhome.com).

**Kimberly Carol McAttee, 53**, of Hanover, IN, died Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at Norton King's Daughters' Health in Madison, IN. A celebration of life will be held on at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 17, at Lytle Welty Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel, in Madison, [www.lytlewelty.com](http://www.lytlewelty.com).

**Brian Scott Willis, 49**, of Milton, KY, died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 7, 2024, from injuries sustained in an accident on KY 36 near Milton. Funeral services were Thursday, July 11, at the Family Worship Center in Carrollton, KY. Arrangements by Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton, [www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com](http://www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com).

## NEWS OF RECORD

## JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER

## LODGINGS

**July 9, 2024**

James Robert Dunn, 52, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 5 felony; and Communication-Intimidation, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

Adam Douglas Griffin, 31, Hanover, on a Jefferson County warrant for Probation Violation (drug charges). Bond \$5,000 cash.

Britny Alexandria McDonald, 34, Anderson, Indiana, on a Jefferson County warrant for Probation Violation. Bond \$5,000 cash.

July 10, 2024

Charlotte Ann Adams, 40, Worthville, Kentucky, on a Jefferson County warrant for Failure to Appear. Bond \$5,000 cash.

Lori Lashelle Amburgey, 31, Madison, for Theft, a Level 6 felony; and Criminal Trespass, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Regina Claire Gast, 61, Madison, to serve 7 days jail on a court-ordered sentencing (operating while intoxicated). No bond.

July 11, 2024

Kyle Anthony Jaynes, 32, Vevay, Indiana, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.

Larry Shannon Madison, 46, on a Jefferson County warrant for Failure to Appear (drug charges). Bond \$5,000 cash.

## JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT &amp; SUPERIOR COURT

## SENTENCINGS

**July 8, 2024**

Bobby L. Cooley, Canaan, Indiana, to amended charges of Possession of a Handgun by a Serious Violent Felon, a Level 4 felony; and Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 4 years at Indiana Department of Correction on the felony with 3 years to be served on home detention, one year suspended to supervised probation plus credit for 8

days jail served; and 365 days jail on the misdemeanor, all suspended to supervised probation and concurrent, with driver's license suspended for one year plus \$485 in fees and court costs.

Donald E. Newton, Carrollton, Kentucky, to clarify record on previous sentencing for amended charge of Habitual Vehicular Substance Offender, a Level 6 felony. Defendant sentenced to 1,825 days at Indiana Department of Correction, with credit for one day served, 374 days executed, 730 days suspended to home detention and 720 days suspended to supervised probation.

Jairo Enrique Paz Aguilar, 24, Madison, to an amended charge of Criminal Recklessness, a Class B misdemeanor and Reckless Driving, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail on Count One and 60 days on Count Two, concurrent, and all suspended to non-reporting probation plus \$189.50 in fees and court costs.

Timothy Raymond McDonald, 44, Madison, for Theft, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with 16 days to be served on four consecutive weekends and 349 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$289 in fees and court costs.

Rhonda Layne Carr, 56, Hanover, to amended charges of Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony and Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail on the felony consecutive to 4 days on the misdemeanor with credit for 4 days served and 365 days suspended to supervised probation plus \$600 in fees and court costs.

Jessie Earl Robinson, 61, Madison, to an amended charge of Operating While Intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 365 days jail, all suspended but 10 actual days with credit for 2 days served. Balance to be served on four consecutive weekends and 355 days suspended to supervised

probation plus \$589.50 in fees and court costs and license suspended for 90 days consecutive to refusal suspension.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

## JEFFERSON COUNTY

**July 8, 2024**

Lisa Bruner, Jerry Judge Jr. and Kimberly Judge to B&K Assets LLC, 213 West Main Street, Hanover.

Paradise of Kentucky and Rick Nelson to Midway Investments LLC and Tim Boldery, approximately 39 acres at 3983 North Greenway Drive, Hanover (\$195,000).

BLS Development LLC to Richard L. Apsley (trustee), Rita J Apsley (trust) and Richard L. Apsley (for benefit of), 819 West First Street, Madison.

Diane R. Fisher to Diane R. Fisher and George F. Fisher, 302 Hendricks Drive, Madison.

Robert Allen Taylor to Paige Devona Roark and Paige Devona Taylor, 609 Little Cedar Road, Madison.

Howard W. Shipman to Howard W. Shipman and Margaret Shipman, 7283 Dogwood Lane, Madison.

Gary L. Schmidlap and Russell A. Schmidlap to Jeffrey A. Slover and Paula K. Slover, approximately 4.9 acres at 88 North 900 West, Lexington.

**July 9, 2024**

Jamin Smith to Mackins Anne Oliver, 4639 West Foltz Road, Dupont.

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Housing and Urban Development and HUD to James D. Ellis, 3668 North Home Avenue, Deputy.

Lewis E. Ayler and Kimberly S. Ayler to Kimberly S. Ayler, approximately 3.8 acres at

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## BIRTHDAYS

**Editor's Note:** Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to [zelda@madisoncourier.com](mailto:zelda@madisoncourier.com) or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

**JULY 13**

Kristin Beck

**JULY 15**

Julie Townsend

**JULY 16**

Christian Cull

**JULY 18**

Denny Jackson

Kenneth Van Wye

**JULY 19**

Bill Barnes

Lewis Wright

**JULY 20**

Jerry Wheeler

## LOTTERY

**INDIANA**  
Hoosier Lotto: 4-10-15-30-34-42 (7/10). Next Estimated Jackpot: \$17 million. Next Drawing (7/13).  
Cash Five: 5-7-18-20-35 (7/10).  
Cash 4 Life: 10-19-38-48-59 CB: 4 (7/10)

**KENTUCKY**  
Cash Ball: 1-2-25-27 CB 9 (7/10)

**WEATHER**

**Sunrise:** 6:27 a.m.

**Sunset:** 9:08 p.m.

**Temperature:** High 88, Low 67, Mean 77.5, Excess 3.1

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## BEETLE BAILEY



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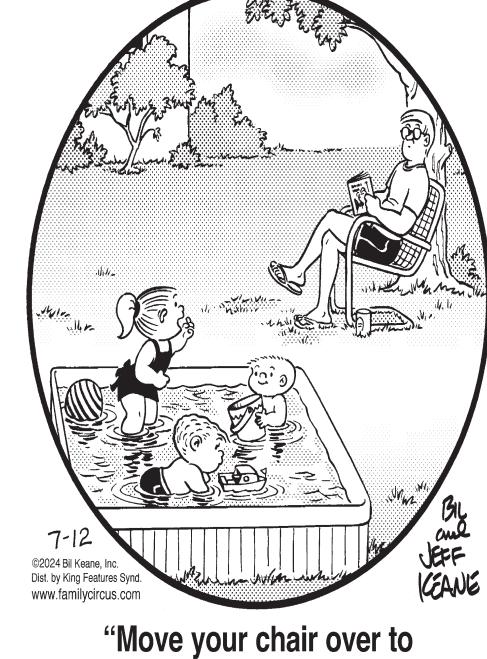


## FAMILY CIRCUS

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

## DENNIS THE MENACE



## BABY BLUES



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## CRABGRASS



## TODAY IN HISTORY

## Today's Highlight in History:

On July 12, 1979, as an angry reaction to the popularity of disco music, the Chicago White Sox held the "Disco Demolition Night" promotion, in which a crate of disco records was blown up on the field between games of a double-header; the ensuing riot and damage to the field caused the White Sox to forfeit the second game.

## Also on this date:

**In 1543**, England's King Henry VIII married his sixth and final wife, Catherine Parr.

**In 1812**, United States forces led by Gen. William Hull entered Canada during the War of 1812 against Britain. (However, Hull retreated shortly thereafter to Detroit.)

**In 1862**, during the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill authorizing the Army Medal of Honor.

**In 1909**, the House of Representatives joined the Senate in passing the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, allowing for a federal income tax, and submitted it to the states. (It was declared ratified in February 1913.)

**In 1962**, the Rolling Stones played their first show, at the Marquee Club in London.

**In 1967**, rioting erupted in Newark, New Jersey, over the police beating of a Black taxi driver; 26 people were killed in the five days of violence that followed.

**In 1984**, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale announced his choice of U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro of New York to be his running-mate; Ferraro was the first woman to run for vice



president on a major-party ticket.

**In 1991**, Japanese professor Hitoshi Igarashi, who had translated Salman Rushdie's "The Satanic Verses," was found stabbed to death, nine days after the novel's Italian translator was attacked in Milan.

**In 1994**, President Bill Clinton, visiting Germany, went to the eastern sector of Berlin, the first U.S. president to do so since Harry Truman.

**In 2003**, the USS Ronald Reagan, the first carrier named for a living president, was commissioned in Norfolk, Virginia.

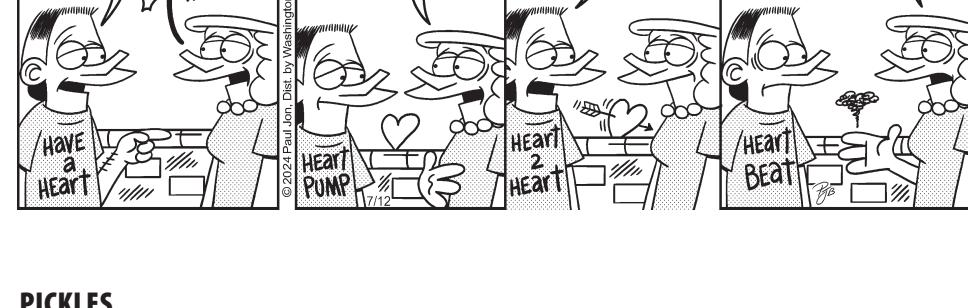
**In 2012**, a scathing report by former FBI Director Louis Freeh said the late Joe Paterno and other top Penn State officials had buried child sexual abuse allegations against Jerry Sandusky more than a decade earlier to avoid bad publicity.

**In 2022**, Twitter sued Elon Musk to force him to complete the \$44 billion acquisition of the social media company after Musk said he was backing off his agreement to buy the company. (He would eventually become Twitter's

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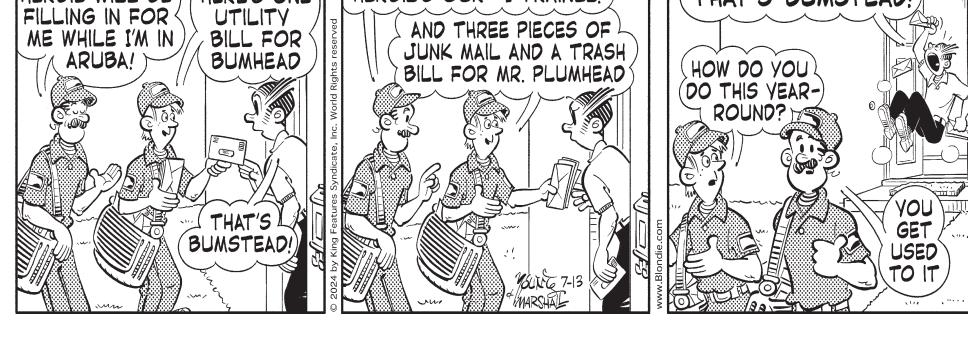
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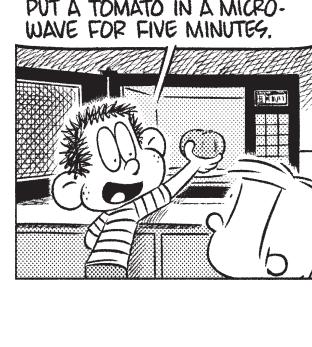


"Who dealt this mess?"

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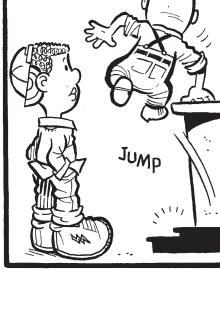
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On July 13, 1985, the "Live Aid" benefit rock concerts were held simultaneously in London and Philadelphia, raising millions for famine relief in Ethiopia.

## Also on this date:

**In 1793**, French politician, physician and journalist Jean-Paul Marat was assassinated by Charlotte Corday, who stabbed him to death in his bath.

**In 1863**, deadly rioting against the Civil War military draft erupted in New York City. (The insurrection was put down three days later.)

**In 1923**, a sign consisting of 50-foot-tall letters spelling out "HOLLYWOODLAND" was dedicated in the Hollywood Hills to promote a subdivision (the last four letters were removed in 1949).

**In 1930**, the first FIFA World Cup began in Uruguay.

**In 1960**, John F. Kennedy won the Democratic presidential nomination on the first ballot at his party's convention in Los Angeles.

**In 1973**, former

presidential aide Alexander P. Butterfield revealed to Senate Watergate Committee staff members the existence of President Richard Nixon's secret White House taping system.

**In 1999**, Angel Maturino Resendiz, suspected of being the "Railroad Killer," surrendered in El Paso, Texas.

**In 2013**, a jury in Florida cleared neighborhood watch volunteer George Zimmerman of all charges in the shooting of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teenager whose killing unleashed furious debate over racial profiling, self-defense and equal justice.

**In 2018**, a grand jury indictment, sought by special counsel Robert Mueller, alleged that the Russian government was behind a sweeping conspiracy to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election.

**In 2020**, Washington's NFL franchise dropped the "Redskins" name and logo amid pressure from sponsors; the move followed decades of criticism that the name

and logo were offensive to Native Americans. (The team was eventually renamed the Commanders.)

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# Funds for sculpture approved to keep project moving forward

BY BOB DEMAREE

With plans to have the city's River's Edge sculpture completed by the end of the year, Madison's Redevelopment Commission approved an advance of \$25,000 to the Public Arts Commission to keep that project moving forward.

Kim Nyberg, chair of the Public Arts Commission and executive director of the Madison Area Arts Alliance, said the advance comes at an important stage in that project and is needed because a \$25,000 Indiana Placemaking Activation Grant has not

yet been received from the Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC).

Nyberg said the advance will ensure that the project stays on track and continues with fabrication of the sculpture to "not lose a moment in this project."

Nyberg said the sculpture, developed by Beverly Stucker Precious, presents a design "to bring the old and new (of Madison) together. Her idea was great about Madison really being two cities. It's the historic city on the river but it's also the progressive city, and those

two are really part of what she came up with."

The sculpture is estimated to cost \$200,000 paid for by a mix of private and public funding that includes utilizing the online platform, Patronicity, to raise fund, which is reportedly on target for goals.

In other business:

- Tony Steinhardt III, the city's director of economic development, reported on the housing study that's underway by Club 720 Solutions, led by Heather Presley-Cowen, the company's chief executive officer. He said Presley-Cowen will

be in Madison July 18 to engage with people in the community in developing a predictive analysis that will look forward on needs for housing, and then provide recommendations.

Steinhardt said what's been conveyed to him so far is that Madison "is a very unique community with housing because it's like a tale of two cities. The demands and expectations on housing downtown and hilltop respond like two different communities. They're real excited to be working here because they haven't had those dynamics to blend

and understand those analytics" for a community housing study.

- Steinhardt said he's hopeful that a trail connecting the Heritage Trail to Clifty Falls State Park can go to bid in the next 30 to 45 days. He said it's been a complicated project in which construction documents are in their final stages.

- Steinhardt said attendance at Crystal Beach Aquatic Park is reporting "numbers we never expected. We now have food delivered twice a week because the concession stand's selling out." He said Crystal Beach is a

regional draw with Placer data showing it has drawn people from Warsaw and Crestwood in Kentucky, and Scottsburg, North Vernon and Aurora in Indiana. Steinhardt told the Redevelopment Commission, "The investment you have made in Crystal Beach has been well-received.

- Steinhardt said the DG Market in downtown Madison is on track to open by Labor Day weekend.

- Courtney said he is anticipating a ground-breaking for the Residences at Sunrise Crossing in September.

## CAC

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\$288,778 in matching funds provided by a Bethany Legacy Foundation grant.

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch said by having a building dedicated to the CAC, it provides "the ability to have a safe place for children and families to go to be able to be protected ... It's important for so many reasons. It's important because children don't ask to be brought into this world, and when they are brought into this world, and they are the victims of grievous insults, there has to be support for them in the community to be able to have healthy, productive lives."

Sarah Brichto, CAC executive director, said the new building combined with the effectiveness of the staff will make a difference for children who need their help. "It's going to make those children feel special because it's such a nice building. They are going to feel they are the heroes they really are for saying and speaking terrible truths to total strangers, very nice, highly trained women who can get everything right. It's a very complicated business, and they do a great job" in helping children during traumatic times in their lives.

Jefferson County Prosecutor David Sutter said the CAC provides a strong support system for youths dealing with all too prevalent problem. "The times we've had to deal with these cases is unfortunately too many. Every time I look at the statistics that the CAC puts out about the number of interviews or number of cases that come through Jefferson County, we have routinely been either at the top or neck-and-neck with Dearborn County, and there would be many

people who say that is terrible, and it certainly is," Sutter said. "I don't think those numbers are so high in Jefferson County because it's going on here at an absurdly high rate," instead that is "a testament to the fact that we have a good system here. We have a system here that encourages reporting and encourages results."

Sutter said the work done by the CAC is vital for protecting children, and it's important to have "an independent building for interviews to be done safely and discreetly and privately" when dealing with traumatic events impacting the lives of children. "It's an exciting day, even though the subject matter they oftentimes deal with is traumatic and tragic and terrible, it's a testament to our community and the surrounding communities" because of the people "that care about children" and want to prevent those "terrible things from happening."

"Every child deserves an opportunity to grow into a healthy adult and become a resilient and thriving person in our community, so we're here for the kids and to recognize all the work that goes into protecting our children," said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney.

Dora Anim, president and CEO of the Bethany Legacy Foundation, said, "Children are the future innovators, scientists, artists, mentors, future changemakers, and yet until they become those things, they are our most vulnerable. So, our critical responsibility as a society is to protect them and be their advocates."

She noted that with new building, "CAC can now set a new standard of how we treat children with dignity, respect and care that they deserve, and we have a space that celebrates that and allows us to do that."

## EVENTS

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interesting and original quality music to town. The band is called Holy Roller, based out of Virginia, and it's high energy country rock of the finest kind.

I caught up with Kindred Society board member Pam Brown to get her take on the band, and I think I'll just stream-of-consciousness her comments right here: "It's country rock indie folk ... but straight rock fans will totally love them. The band has six members, and they put on an amazing performance. Lots of four-part harmonies. Aficionados of their instruments. Great live connection to the audience. Really engaging show." Whew! I'm sold, how about you?

The band just put out a new album and they are coming off a huge release party in their hometown Richmond, Virginia. Back to Pam: "Great reviews. Getting a lot of traction. Emotional storytelling. Awaken your spirit!"

If you want to get a little feel of the band before you come, Pam recommends you look up the songs "O' Virginia" and "Muscle Up."

Tickets for this show are at MadTixEvents.com also, but as I mentioned earlier, if you'd like to come to both the Friday and Saturday shows at Red Bike, there is a combo ticket available for just \$25. Oh, and Jordan Wilson is opening for Holy Roller, just to add a little sweetener.

Finally, I want everyone to mark their calendars for a very fun and unique music event that's happening in Madison

for the very first time on Aug. 31. "Play Music On The Porch Day" is a simultaneous worldwide celebration of the kind of homegrown music that happens on porches and patios when people just get together and just start plucking and strumming.

Jane Vonderheide and the Kindred gang are coordinating the event to make sure there is live music happening on multiple porches all around town at about the same time. The idea being you can walk or golf cart from place to place, sampling the different styles and enjoying the community of friends. It sounds like an amazing event, and I'll have more details about it for you in this column very soon.

### HOT TIP OF THE WEEK

OK, Regatta is in the rearview mirror (Go Miss Madison!) and the music calendar is once again chock full of goodness. Let's go day by day, shall we?

If you haven't been to the Lighthouse floating bar on Wednesday for Bobby & Ronnie, you are missing one of the best mid-week live music parties anywhere. They have built quite a regular crowd, and it's tons of fun.

Thursday you have TWO different karaoke options, and they are just about a block apart from each other, easy walking distance.

Friday you have the ever popular Music in the Park, with one of my favorite artists, Maria Carelli, kicking things off at 6 p.m. The other show of note on Friday is The Tillers at Red Bicycle Hall, guaranteed to have you up and dancing in no time.

Saturday I would pick Jimmy Davis playing the blues out on

the patio at Thomas Family Winery. Or if you are in a country-rock state of mind, Virginia-based Holy Roller at Red Bike will be a killer show. Oh, and there's a brand new live music venue on the hilltop called Tailgaters with a show on Saturday. Look for a complete feature story on Tailgaters in next week's Charlie's Beat.

Charlie Rohlfing is a retired advertising man and partner in The Red Bicycle Hall music venue. Look for his distinctive fedora bobbing above the crowd, anywhere live local music is happening.

### MUSIC EVENTS SCHEDULE

Friday, July 12

Centennial Music in the Park — Charsee & Cam, w/Maria Carelli  
Rivertown Grill — Matt Red Moore

The Drake — Jimmy Davis  
1st Street Saloon — Hank Haggard & The Tennessee Werewolf

Live Lunch at Broadway Fountain — (11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)  
Hanover Aux. Gym — Southern Country Band (6-9 p.m.)  
Red Bicycle Hall — The Tillers w/The Montvales (8-11 p.m.)  
Central — Crossfire (10 p.m.-2 a.m.)

Saturday, July 13

Rivertown Grill — The Mood First Street Saloon — DJ Nate Riverboat Inn — Joe & Deano (7-10 p.m.)

Lighthouse — Miscellaneous Band (7-11 p.m.)  
Red Bicycle Hall — Holy Roller w/Jordan Wilson (8-11 p.m.)

Thomas Family Winery — Jimmy Davis plays The Blues (8-11 p.m.)  
Central — Lacy Lane (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Tailgaters — Liquor Boxx (9 p.m.-1 a.m.)

Sunday, July 14

Rivertown Grill — Sandy & Jill

## PACE

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property owner merged the side together. On Monday, the city plan commission approved splitting the parcel back into a duplex.

One half will be the residence of son Jacob Binzer and the other half the residence of Martin's parents, Jerry and Louise Martin. "After about 15 years of pleading with them to move to Madison, they're doing it," he said.

Martin said the structure will be fully renovated, saving as much of the original building as possible. "The front door is beautiful; it's going to be saved. The windows are actually in great shape; they will have to be restored."

The structure has had two recent owners and some work had been done but restructuring will be required, Martin said. "We're taking the house as you see it now and just trying to renovate it, keeping as much of the existing as possible."

He noted that utilities "are all suspect" but that will be addressed along with heating, ventilation and air conditioning. "There's nothing usable with electric and plumbing."

Vacant 30 years, Martin said vultures had been using the house recently and are "not really happy we are taking over."

The windows have been temporarily taken out on the second floor as part of

the renovation and cleaning process. "We saved them, we removed them carefully but the building needs to breathe. It was pretty nasty inside," Martin said.

One issue that remains confusing is the address.

When the parcels merged, the structure became solely 811 East Second Street. But, historically, the west side was 811 and the east side was 813, which is how the structure is listed in the Madison Local Historic District Survey update adopted by City Council on Nov. 9, 2022.

However, with the parcels now split again, the west side will be 811.5. Nicole Schell, the city's director of planning, said following the merger the 911 system no longer had a record of an 813 address, and used that number for another structure that she believes to be either the nearby traffic light or utility pole.

The PACE committee's review gave the Binzer side of the structure (811.5 East Second) a score of 50 while the Jerry and Louise Martin portion (811 East Second) scored 50.67 — both significantly more than the required minimum score of 36.

Two other applications scored high enough for the PACE \$25,000 dilapidated structures grants — one at 604 Mulberry Street, represented by Ryan Rodgers of Madison, had a score of 43, who said the circa 1840 federal half of duplex, needs

"a lot of foundation and stabilization work, along with new plumbing and electric."

The windows have been

The other qualifying property is 118 West Fifth Street, owned by David Patterson of Holton, with a score of 43.67. The circa 1870 house was once owned by Charles O'Banion, a crew chief with the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II, who returned to Madison to operate a dental lab for 40 years. O'Banion died in 2008.

Patterson said the previous owner, David Pond, lifted the house up two feet "to get it out of the flood area" from what he characterized as run-off water from the road that was going into the front door. Three large I-beams were placed underneath the structure. "The house is a total gut inside and out," said Patterson. "It needs everything." He said there's no electric or plumbing. "It's a full restoration project."

Patterson said the front of house has gingerbread woodwork that he wants to save, and "molding and fancy work" around the windows and front door will be salvaged.

Each of the four applications that reached the minimum 36 score had been deemed unsafe by the city's building inspector, which did not apply to the three that failed to meet the minimum. The four qualifying applications must still receive final approval by the Board of Public Works and Safety at its meeting Monday.

Two of those that fell short of the minimum score were 301 Jefferson Street and 221 East Second Street,

which are adjoining properties being developed into Vintage Lanes, expected to open next year by Dan and Matt Chandler. The property will include a wine bar, duckpin bowling and living space for the Chandlers, a project that Matt Chandler stated will involve a \$1.5 million investment. The 301 Jefferson Street property had a score of 33.33 while the 221 East Second Street property had a score of 33.67.

The other property not achieving the minimum score was 820 West Main Street, owned by Paul and Paula Lee, that scored 31. "It was a rental for 20 years and I bought it to restore," said Paul Lee. "I knew this house needed work when I bought it. I did not get it

inspected before I bought it, and 'wow' is all I can say. It's a complete gut job. Right now, it's dirt floors. All the floor joists were rotted" with extreme foundation damage. Despite of condition issues Lee described, it has not yet been reviewed by the building inspector to determine if it is unsafe, which was likely the deciding factor that prevented it from meeting the minimum score.

Two amendments were approved on previously approved PACE grants. One was for a \$7,500 rehabilitation grant at 108 East Third Street, owned by Bill and Stacy Barnes, for two historic rear building structures and a 21 foot by 8 foot historic wall. Because of increased cost of the proj-

ect, Barnes requested the wall be taken out of the scope of the project, with repair of the wall anticipated a later time.

The other amendment was to a project at 1003 East Street, owned by Brian Marshall, that received a \$25,000 dilapidated structures grant. Schell noted the application originally had aluminum clad windows as replacements, but vinyl windows were installed. She said vinyl windows meet Historic District Board of Review requirements, but PACE does not pay for vinyl windows. The amendment removed the cost of the vinyl windows from the scope of work which amounted to a \$750 reduction in the PACE grant.



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# Tots and Tykes contest

## Boys 4-7-Month Champion



The grand champion of the 4 months, one day, to 7 months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Jamari Matthews, 7 months, son of Derrick Matthews and Amanda Creek, Deputy.

## Boys 4-7-Month Runner-up



The reserve grand champion of the 4 months, one day, to 7 months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Blaine Morrison, 5 months, son of Josh and Carissa Morrison, Hanover.

## Boys 7-9-Month Champion



The grand champion of the 7 months, one day, to 9 months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Gavin McDowell, 8.5 months son of Jonathan and Julia McDowell, Milton, Kentucky.

## Boys 7-9-Month Runner-up



The reserve grand champion of the 7 months, one day, to 9 months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Cooper Turner, 8 months, son of Robert and Cheyenne Turner, Madison.

## Boys 9-14-Month Champion



The grand champion of the 9 months, one day, to 14 months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Kooper Harrell, 11 months, son of Toby and Morgan Harrell, Dupont. At right, held by her father, is Joana Harrell, sister of Kooper.

## Boys 9-14-Month Runner-up



The reserve grand champion of the 9 months, one day, to 14 months boys category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Messer Lamar, 9 months, Hanover, son of Luke and Kendall Lamar, Madison.

## Girls 4-7-Month Champion



The grand champion of the 4 months, one day, to 7 months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Kaysen King, 6 months, daughter of Kameren King and Ashley Smothers, Commisskey.

## Girls 4-7-Month Runner-up



The reserve grand champion of the 4 months, one day, to 7 months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Nora Chatham, 6 months, daughter of Greg and Andrea Chatham, Dupont.

## Girls 7-9-Month Champion



The grand champion of the 7 months, one day, to 9 months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Bailey Avalos, 8 months, daughter of Bryan and Brittany Avalos, Dupont.

## Girls 9-14-Month Runner-up



The grand champion of the 9 months, one day, to 14 months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Elaine Adcock, 11 months, daughter of Jacob and Balie Adcock of Madison.

## Girls 7-9-Month Runner-up



The reserve grand champion of the 7 months, one day, to 9 months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Hazel Haas, 7 months, daughter of Michael and Ashtyn Haas, Madison.

## Girls 9-14-Month Runner-up



The reserve grand champion of the 9 months, one day, to 14 months girls category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was Olivia Brierly, 9 months, daughter of Chris and Autumn Brierly of Hanover.

## Twins 0-4 Year Champion



The grand champion of the twin or triplets, birth to 4 years category of the Tots and Tykes contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair were Jadiel and Xiomara Zavala-Zimmerman, 13 weeks, son of Kaitlyn Zimmerman and Santoo Zavala Flores, Madison. Pictured holding the twin at left is their aunt April Zimmerman.



Photos by Bob Demaree

Day 2 of the 2024 Tots & Tykes Baby Contests was canceled by weather and will not be rescheduled

# Ivy Tech expanding nursing simulation lab, health science

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Ivy Tech Community College Madison campus is undergoing updates and reorganization in the health science program to accommodate growth in its nursing program, along with upgrades to the library.

The scope of work

includes expanding the nursing simulation lab to the second-floor east wing, adding new student lockers and adding glass walls to enhance classroom visibility.

Also, the library will receive upgraded lighting and an open lounge area for students and staff.

The nursing expansion project serves as phase two of planned improvements on campus and follows completion of phase one, which focused on renovating spaces on the first floor for Paramedic Science. Previously, facilities at Ivy Tech Madison had not been renovated

since 2008.

Madison's partnership with Norton Healthcare and Norton King's Daughters' Health is a significant factor in funding and supporting the expansion project. Norton Healthcare has provided funding to support the growth of the nursing and allied health

programs and ensure that the Madison community continues to have not only job opportunities, but well-trained nurses who can provide care at Norton King's Daughter's Health.

"This collaboration exemplifies the power of industry and education working together to

strengthen our healthcare workforce and benefit our local community," said Dr. Amanda Harsin, Ivy Tech Madison Chancellor. "Expanding and improving the spaces will allow an increase in our student capacity to assist with filling the need in health care."

## Former State Rep. Goodin in running for Lieutenant Governor

BY BOB DEMAREE

Former State Rep. Terry Goodin served in the Indiana House of Representatives for 20 years. Now he's hoping to be Indiana's next Lieutenant Governor.



Terry Goodin

Last month, Democratic gubernatorial nominee Jennifer McCormick named Goodin as her choice for Lieutenant Governor, but whether that will be confirmed will be determined at the Indiana Democratic Convention on Saturday.

Goodin, of Austin, is familiar to Jefferson County residents, having served a portion of the county for half his tenure in the state legislature as the District 66 representative. After redistricting following the 2010 Census, Saluda Township and Hanover Township and about half of Madison Township including the city of Madison were added to House District 66.

He also has ties to Jefferson County in that when the Goodin family moved from Kentucky to Indiana in the 1940s, they settled in Deputy. He said the Goodins were among coal miners who were recruited by Morgan Foods, headquartered in Austin.

### RECORD

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8005 West State Road 250, Deputy.

Lewis E. Ayler and Kimberly S. Ayler to Kimberly S. Ayler,

His great-grandparents are buried in the Pisgah Cemetery on Deputy Pike.

Goodin said his background makes him best qualified to be Indiana's Lieutenant Governor, an office that oversees the state's agriculture, housing and community development, tourism development and OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs).

"I'm a farmer. I grew up on a farm. I've run a small business being a farmer. I've raised beef cattle," said Goodin. Most recently he's served more than two years as the USDA's Indiana state director for rural development. Goodin also served 24 years as superintendent of Crothersville Community Schools.

"My resume is pretty good to be able to apply for the job of Lieutenant Governor," said Goodin. "With the experiences that I have had in my lifetime, I can bring all those to the table, and I think, out of all the experience I bring to the table, the most important part of that is just listening to people" to know what will make their lives better.

"Instead of trying to prescribe to people what they need to do,

we need to listen to people to see what the state needs to do."

Goodin added, "My grandpa always told me, 'Terry, you have two ears and one mouth for a reason.' So, you just follow God's plan and sit down and listen to people twice as much as you talk, and you'll probably be all right."

He emphasized the importance of education in providing the best future for Indiana. Goodin praised the job being done by Dr. Katie Jenner, the state's Secretary of Education, but said she needs help. "She's doing a good job but I think the folks guiding the larger picture, and the folks that are trying to push their agenda, has sent Indiana in the wrong direction with education."

Goodin said he's also concerned about increases in property taxes throughout the state. "The Republicans have had a 20-year reign in the legislature, and result of that is that Indiana

has the highest property taxes they ever have in their history.

Everybody that's looked at their property taxes, it's just crazy," calling it "mismanagement" that led to the higher property taxes.

**Former State Rep. Terry Goodin emphasized the importance of education in providing the best future for Indiana. Goodin praised the job being done by Dr. Katie Jenner, the state's Secretary of Education, but said she needs help.**

always welcome competition. I always do."

But he's also optimistic. "I don't think there will be a big surprise" as there was in the Indiana Republican Convention in which Republican Governor candidate Mike Braun's choice of state representative Julie McGuire lost in the convention to Noblesville pastor Micah Beckwith.

Goodin said he's "really impressed with McCormick," who served as Indiana's Superintendent of Public Education (2017-2021). "She's a very strong lady, and one of things that appeals is her empathy towards those folks who are trying to get ahead, and for some reason they're struggling. She is very strong to advocate for programs that help lift people up ... We want to create an Indiana that's equal and equitable for everybody to succeed, just not certain people. As we move forward, that's what we're going to do, and I think my experience as an educator and her experience as an educator, we bring that teacher philosophy to the field, and say, 'Everybody can succeed. Everybody should succeed' and we want to make sure we put everybody in position where they can succeed."

at the convention — Clif Marsiglio, Bob Kern and Tamie Dixon-Tatum.

Goodin said he welcomes the competition. "That's why we live in a democracy. There are always folks that may disagree or think they have a better plan," said Goodin. "That's great. That's what we want. That's what makes America better. We

approximately 9.5 acres at 67979 West State Road 250, Deputy.

MCG LLC and Marcus Chad Gray to Madison Vaughn Land Trust No. 7 (trust) and Christina Wood and Kathie Wish Petkovic (trustees), 412 East Vaughn Drive, Madison.

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David Sage and Barbara Sage and Jalen B.A. Cosby and Mia I. Magone, 2329 Taylor Street, Madison.

Robert Adkins and Jodi Askins to Louie and Jill Jones, 5 acres at 11384 West Polk Road, Lexington.

Michael A. Watson and Rebecca L. Watson to Michael R. Watson (trustee) and Christopher J. Watson (trustee), Watson Revocable Trust and Michael A. Watson and Rebecca L. Watson (life estate, two parcels totaling approximately 80 acres at 6066

North Halls Ridge Road and 6000+ East Lonnis Hill Road, Madison.

Gary Nelson Sparks and Julie Ann Sparks to Jennifer Glerum, approximately 60.6 acres at 2998 North Rykers Ridge Road, Madison.

Kathie Wish Petkovic

(trustee), The Madison Vaughn Land Trust No. 7 and Madison Vaughn Land Trust No. 7 to MCG LLC, 11 parcels at 100+ Ferry Street, Madison.

Deborah K. Watkins to DorbyKimcor LLC, 128 West Street, Madison.

## The Power of Compound Interest



### Layin' it on the line

By Stephen Dybwad  
Retirement Planning/  
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Albert Einstein once said "Compound interest is the eighth wonder of the world. He who understands it, earns it. He who doesn't, pays it."

The concept of compound interest is a fundamental principle in the world of finance that can significantly impact your financial future. It's often referred to as the "eighth wonder of the world" for a good reason: compound interest allows your investments to grow exponentially over time, making it a powerful tool for building wealth. In this article, we'll explore the mechanics of compound interest, its benefits, and how you can harness its power to achieve your financial goals.

#### Understanding Compound Interest

At its core, compound interest is the process where the interest earned on an investment is reinvested, allowing you to earn interest on both the initial principal and the accumulated interest from previous periods. Unlike simple interest, which is calculated only on the initial principal, compound interest grows your money at an accelerated rate because the interest itself starts earning interest. To illustrate this, let's consider a basic example. Suppose you invest \$1,000 at an annual interest rate of 5%. With simple

interest, you would earn \$50 every year, resulting in a total of \$1,500 after ten years. However, with compound interest, the interest is added to the principal each year. In the first year, you earn \$50, bringing your total to \$1,050. In the second year, you earn 5% on \$1,050, which is \$52.50, and so on. By the end of ten years, your investment would grow to approximately \$1,628, thanks to the compounding effect.

#### The Benefits of Compound Interest

The true power of compound interest lies in its ability to generate substantial wealth over long periods. Even modest investments can grow significantly if given enough time. Here are some key benefits of compound interest:

**1. Exponential Growth:** The longer you leave your money to grow, the more pronounced the compounding effect becomes. This exponential growth can turn small, regular contributions into a sizeable nest egg.

**2. Time Is Your Ally:** Starting early is crucial. The earlier you begin investing, the more time your money has to compound. Even if you can't contribute large sums initially, the time factor can work wonders for your financial future.

**3. Passive Income:** Compound interest creates a source of passive income. As your investment grows, it generates more interest, which can be reinvested to earn even more. This self-sustaining cycle can provide a steady income stream without additional effort.

#### Strategies to Harness the Power of Compound Interest

To maximize the benefits of compound interest, it's essential to implement smart investment strategies. Here are some tips to help you get started:

**1. Start Early:** The sooner you begin investing, the more time your money has to grow. Even small contributions made early on can result in substantial wealth over time. Don't wait for the "perfect" moment to start; time in the market is more important than timing the market.

**2. Consistent Contributions:** Regularly adding to your investments, even if it's a modest

amount, can significantly boost your wealth. Consistency is key to taking full advantage of compounding.

**3. Reinvest Earnings:** Whenever possible, reinvest the earnings from your investments. This allows you to benefit from the compounding effect, accelerating the growth of your portfolio.

**4. Choose High-Quality Investments:** Selecting investments with the potential for steady returns can enhance the compounding effect. Diversify your portfolio to balance risk and reward, ensuring that your money continues to grow over time.

**5. Be Patient:** Compound interest works best over long periods. Avoid the temptation to withdraw your investments prematurely. Stay focused on your long-term goals and let the power of compounding do its magic.

Compound interest is a powerful force that can transform your financial future. By understanding how it works and implementing smart investment strategies, you can harness its potential to build substantial wealth over time. Remember, the key is to start early, contribute consistently, reinvest your earnings, choose quality investments, and be patient. Embrace the power of compound interest, and watch as your money grows exponentially, securing a prosperous future for you and your loved ones.

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# Rockies hold on to defeat Reds 6-5

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Sam Hilliard homered twice, his first homers since last April, and Kyle Freeland had a season-high nine strikeouts, and the Colorado Rockies held on to beat the Cincinnati Reds 6-5 on Wednesday night.

Freeland (1-3) has given up two or fewer earned runs in four straight starts, allowing two runs and eight hits with one walk in 6 2/3 innings.

Hilliard hit a two-run home run in the third and a solo shot in the fifth for his third career multi-homer game, first since April 24, 2023, when he homered twice against Miami while with the Braves.

Jonathan India, the Reds' designated hitter after missing Tuesday's game with a bruised knee, hit a solo homer in the third to make the score 3-1. It was his seventh home run.

Brenton Doyle walked and scored on Jake Cave's double in the sixth to give the Rockies a 5-1 lead.

Reds starter Frankie Montas (4-7) gave up five earned runs and eight hits in seven innings.

Tyler Stephenson doubled leading off the seventh, but the Reds' catcher was thrown out trying for a triple on a relay from second baseman Brendon Rodgers.

Cincinnati rallied in the ninth after trailing 6-2. Stephenson led off with a solo homer, his eighth, off Victor Vodnik. With runners on first and second and no outs, Jalen Beeks got Reece Hinds to fly to right. Santiago Espinal singled to drive home the Reds' fourth run. India's sacrifice fly made it 6-5.

Hinds, who became the first Reds player since 1937 with five hits through his first two career games, went 1 for 4 with an RBI and stolen base.

## REDS 6, ROCKIES 0

Rece Hinds homered and doubled in his major league debut, Andrew Abbott pitched seven innings of three-hit ball and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Colorado Rockies 6-0 on Monday night.

All-Star shortstop Elly De La Cruz had an RBI double and scored twice. He also stole two bases in the first inning, giving him 45 this season to pass Billy Hamilton for the most in Reds history before the All-Star break.

Hinds was called up earlier in the day from Triple-A Louisville, where he was hitting .216 with 13 homers and 126 strikeouts in 77 games. He was retired on a diving stop by shortstop Ezequiel Tovar in his first at-bat, then doubled in the fifth and launched a 449-foot homer against Tyler Kinley leading off the eighth.

Hinds also made a sliding catch in right field.

Abbott (9-6) retired his first nine batters with five strikeouts, setting the tone for an outstanding outing. He struck out eight and walked two.

## REDS 12, ROCKIES 6

Will Benson hit a three-run homer in a five-run second inning, rookie Rece Hinds crushed a 458-foot shot and the Cincinnati Reds cruised to a 12-6 win over the Colorado Rockies on Tuesday night.

The 23-year-old Hinds hit a long homer for the second time in as many nights. He had a 421-foot shot in his major league debut on Monday, before teeing off on Colorado reliever Justin Lawrence as part of a four-run Cincinnati seventh.

He came up a single short of hitting for the cycle Tuesday, but became the first player in major league history to get five extra-base hits in his first two games.

Tyler Stephenson and Spencer Steer also homered as the Reds downed the Rockies for the second night in row, after being swept by the Detroit Tigers in a series last weekend.

Colorado starter Cal Quantrill (6-7) struck out the side in the first, but things fell apart for him in the second, starting with Stephenson's 421-foot shot into the second deck in left field.

# TATE RELISHES WIN

Leaves 'hometown' fans of Madison with heat record and points lead

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Andrew Tate may not be from Madison, but there hasn't been a Miss Madison driver in the past 20 years who has closer ties to the city.

As the son of Unlimited hydroplane legend Mark Tate, Andrew Tate has spent meaningful time in the city, including nearly every Fourth of July weekend on the banks of the Ohio River. From watching the races to hanging out on Vaughn Drive and from riding in the parade with his dad's team or watching the fireworks, Andrew did some of his growing up in Madison, albeit one weekend a year at a time.

"I've been coming to Madison, Indiana since I could walk. Probably even before I could walk," said Tate, who hails from the Detroit area. "With the fireworks, the parade, the town, the people, it's always been a place where I have some core memories and something that I truly appreciate."

It is because of that connection that Sunday's win in the Indiana Governor's Cup was even more special than a normal win. Tate had won the Governor's Cup once prior — in 2017 while driving the Delta/Realtrac — but this time he was driving the hometown Miss Madison in front of thousands of screaming fans.

"It was really, really cool to see the shoreline filled with people waving after the race when I drove by real slow," Tate said. "Taking all that in is extremely special. It's something I'll remember forever."

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Goodman Real Estate/Miss Madison driver Andrew Tate (right) talks with his father Mark (center) and mother, Sandy, after a heat win on Sunday.



Andrew Tate steers the U-91 Goodman Real Estate/Miss Madison under the Milton-Madison Bridge during the Madison Regatta on Sunday. Tate's victory was his second at Madison, but his first on the course with the hometown team.



Goodman Real Estate/Miss Madison driver Andrew Tate got to put his name up in lights on the restored marquee at the Ohio Theatre.

# Musetti reaches his 1st Grand Slam semifinal

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
AP TENNIS WRITER

LONDON — Lorenzo Musetti threw his head back and spread his arms wide to celebrate reaching his first Grand Slam semifinal at Wimbledon, then covered his face with both hands.

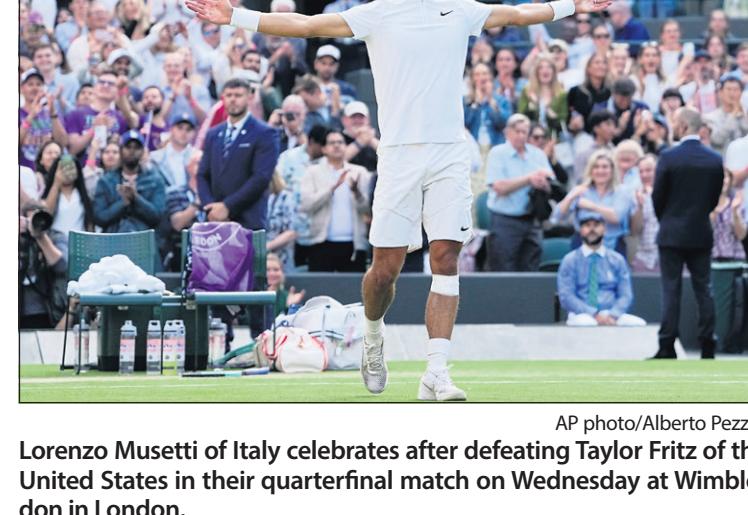
His 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 3-6, 6-1 victory over Taylor Fritz on Wednesday was a big deal, to be sure. After all, the 25th-seeded Musetti, a 22-year-old from Italy, never had made it past the third round at the All England Club — or past the fourth round at any major tournament — until this fortnight.

Now, though, comes a far tougher test: taking on Novak Djokovic.

"He probably knows, better than me, the surface and the stadium, for sure," Musetti said with a chuckle, aware he'll be making his Centre Court debut on Friday. "Jokes apart, he's a legend everywhere, but especially here in Wimbledon."

This will be Djokovic's record-tying 13th semifinal at Wimbledon alone — equaling Roger Federer — and 49th Slam semifinal overall, extending a mark he already held. As Musetti pursues his first major championship, Djokovic seeks a 25th, including what would be an eighth at the All England Club.

Djokovic's smooth trip



Lorenzo Musetti of Italy celebrates after defeating Taylor Fritz of the United States in their quarterfinal match on Wednesday at Wimbledon in London.

through this year's bracket was made even easier when the man he was supposed to play in the quarterfinals Wednesday, Alex de Minaur, pulled out with a hip injury hours before their match was scheduled to begin.

Musetti was forced to work for his spot in the final four: His 3 1/2-hour victory over the 13th-seeded Fritz was the 37th five-setter at the All England Club this year, the most at any Grand Slam tournament.

Musetti acknowledged he didn't get off to an ideal start, in part because of nerves. But

an early break in the second set

helped alter the course of the evening.

"Immediately, I changed my mind. I changed my attitude," he said. "And that probably made the difference."

Musetti's son, Ludovico, was born in March, and he said Wednesday that helped him rededicate himself to his sport and strive to no longer "throw away matches."

"Instead of me teaching him, he's teaching me. ... Having a child makes you reflect a lot," Musetti said. "I feel more mature on the court, more mature off the court, and more mature as a

player, as a father, as a person."

Playing at a sun-swathed No. 1 Court against Fritz, an American who is one of the sport's biggest servers but fell to 0-4 in major quarterfinals, Musetti managed to accumulate 13 break points and convert six.

With Queen Camilla, the wife of King Charles III, in the stands and joining fans in doing the wave, Musetti did far more to vary his strokes — a drop shot here, a lob there, plenty of slices — than Fritz did.

"I just felt like it took a lot to finish the point," Fritz said.

Djokovic had knee surgery less than a month before the start of play at the All England Club. But despite limitations on his movement, the 37-year-old Djokovic has dropped only two sets so far — facing a qualifier in the first round, a wild-card entrant in the second and only one seeded player, No. 15 Holger Rune.

Instead of going up against No. 9 de Minaur on Wednesday, Djokovic will get three full days off before meeting Musetti. The other semifinal Friday is defending champion Carlos Alcaraz against Daniil Medvedev.

Djokovic and Musetti have played each other six times previously. Djokovic has won five

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# Clark leads Reese for Rookie of the Year: AP panel

BY DOUG FEINBERG  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

NEW YORK — Caitlin Clark leads Angel Reese in the race for WNBA Rookie of the Year honors at the midpoint of the season, according to a national panel of voters who also rank the AP Power Poll each week.

Clark and Reese have garnered national attention with record-setting rookie seasons — leading to them being the first rookie duo to make an All-Star team since 2014 — so it's no surprise that they're the leading candidates for the award.

The pair have helped the league to huge increases in ratings, attendance and merchandise sales and with so much basketball still to be played an argument can be made for either to win the award.

But at the halfway point, the 15-member panel gives the edge to Clark in a 9-5 vote. One person didn't vote.

"Today, I would say Clark, only because

they have one more win overall as a team and have a 2-1 lead head-to-head," said voter Christy Winters-Scott, a basketball analyst for the Mystics. "Clearly this could change

as the WNBA season progresses. It has been a complete joy for me to witness how both players have evolved as professionals in such a short amount of time in the league."

Clark is leading the WNBA in points accounted for (points plus points off assists) with 713 according to ESPN. The Indiana Fever's No. 1 pick also became the first rookie to have a triple-double in a game doing it in a win over New York.

Reese set the WNBA record for consecutive double-doubles with 13, passing Candace Parker's mark of 12 set across the 2009 and 2010 seasons. She's leading the league in rebounding with 11.9 a game.

The panel also picked Las Vegas star A'ja

Wilson as the unanimous choice for Player of the Year at this point in the season. Wilson felt she should have won the award last year and this year has been even more dominant. She is averaging 27.0 points, 10.9 rebounds and 2.7 blocks.

The Aces star forward is on pace to shatter

the record for average points in a season. She became the Aces' all-time scoring leader on Sunday.

Clark has had double figure assists in her last three games, including a 19-point, 12-rebound and 13-assist effort against New York last Saturday. The Fever have gone 6-3 in their last nine games. Indiana has a busy upcoming week, hosting Washington and Phoenix before visiting Minnesota on Sunday.

## CAITLIN CORNER

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# Atkins leads Mystics over Fever

Clark leads Indiana with 29 points and 13 assist

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Ariel Atkins scored 26 points, including a key basket in the final minute, and the Washington Mystics held off the Indiana Fever 89-84 on Wednesday to spoil Caitlin Clark's 29-point performance.

Washington led 76-55 after three quarters before Indiana rallied behind 15 fourth-quarter points from Clark.

Clark became the first WNBA player with 29 points, 13 assists, five rebounds, five 3-pointers, five steals and three blocks in a game.

After Clark capped a 14-0 run with a free throw to pull Indiana within 85-82 with 1:05 left, Atkins answered at the other end with an off-balance shot in the lane.

Clark made two more free throws and a jump ball was called with 20.3 seconds left. Indiana forward Aliyah Boston tapped it back, but Atkins grabbed it and fell to the ground before a timeout was



Washington Mystics guard Shatori Walker-Kimbrough (32) loses the ball as she's fouled by Indiana Fever guard Caitlin Clark (22) in the second half of a WNBA game on Wednesday in Indianapolis.

called with 16.9.

Julie Vanloo secured an inbounds pass and made two free throws with 16.2 left for a five-point lead to secure it.

Stefanie Dolson and Vanloo each scored 13 points for Washington (6-17). Aaliyah Edwards added 12 points and Myisha Hines-Allen had

10. The Mystics were without Shakiira Austin, Brittney Sykes and Karlie Samuelson.

Kelsey Mitchell scored 15 points and NaLyssa Smith added 11 for Indiana (9-14). Lexie Hull, who made her first start of the season, finished with five points in 20 minutes.

## Wallace fined \$50K for retaliatory contact

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NASCAR fined Bubba Wallace \$50,000 on Wednesday for retaliatory contact against race winner Alex Bowman on the cooldown lap of the Chicago Street Race.

Wallace door-slammed Bowman's car and sent it into the wall. Bowman said after the race he had spun Wallace during Sunday's event and the retaliation was warranted.

Bowman also advocated for Wallace not to be punished. Bowman said Wallace "has every right be mad."

"I'd be mad, too," Bowman said of Wallace. "I ruined his day. The restart was chaotic. I just made every wrong decision that I possibly could. I was fighting with my windshield wiper switch trying to get it working and I couldn't get it working. I was focused on that, missed the corner."

"I locked all four tires and just slid right into him. I just messed up and absolutely ruined his day. I'm pretty hard on myself when I make mistakes like that and I've been embarrassed about it since it happened. The rain delay was a lot of me just sitting there being embarrassed and being mad at myself."

Wallace's window net was down when he slammed into Bowman after the race, and the camera inside Bowman's car showed the driver was jostled by the hit.

NASCAR also plans to speak to Chase Elliott for his contact with Daniel Suarez after Sunday's race.

## NBA agreed to terms of record 11-year, \$76B media rights agreement

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
AND JOE REEDY  
AP SPORTS WRITERS

The NBA has agreed to terms on its new media deal, a record 11-year agreement worth \$76 billion that assures player salaries will continue rising for the foreseeable future and one that will surely change how some viewers access the game for years to come.

A person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press that the networks have the terms sheets, with the next step being for the league's board of governors to approve the contracts.

The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Wednesday because they weren't at liberty to discuss such impending matters.

The deal, which set NBA records for both its length and total value,

goes into effect for the 2025-26 season. Games will continue being aired on ESPN and ABC, and now some will be going to NBC and Amazon Prime.

TNT Sports, which has been part of the league's broadcasting family since the 1980s, could be on its way out, but has five days to match one of the deals.

The five-day clock would begin once the league sends the finished contracts to TNT.

The Athletic was the first to report on the contracts.

ESPN and ABC will continue to have the league's top package, which includes the NBA Finals and one of the conference finals series. ABC has

aired the NBA Finals since 2003. ABC would continue to air games on Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons when the NFL's regular season ends.

NBC would showcase games on Sunday night once the NFL season has ended. It will air games on Tuesdays throughout the regular season while a Monday night package of games would be exclusively streamed on Peacock.

Prime Video would have games on Thursday night after it is done carrying NFL games. Its other nights would be Friday and Saturday.

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ESPN's main nights would continue to be Wednesday with some Friday and Sunday games.

The return of NBC, which carried NBA games from 1990 through 2002, gives the league two broadcast network partners for the first time.

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deal almost certainly means the league's salary cap will rise 10% annually — the maximum allowed by the terms of the most recent Collective Bargaining Agreement between the NBA and its players.

That means players like Oklahoma City's Shai Gilgeous-Alexander and Dallas' Luka Doncic could be making around \$80 million in the 2030-31 season and raises at least some possibility that top players may be earning somewhere near \$100 million per season by the mid-2030s.

It also clears the way for the next major item on the NBA's to-do list: Expansion.

Commissioner Adam Silver was very clear on the order of his top agenda items in recent seasons, those being preserving labor peace (which

## Rookie Reese nets 14th straight double-double

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Chenneky Carter scored 19 points, Angel Reese secured her 14th straight double-double in the closing seconds to extend a WNBA record and the Chicago Sky beat the Atlanta Dream 78-69 on Wednesday.

Carter forced a jump ball with 1:03 left, with Chicago leading 70-69. Atlanta coach Tanisha Wright was called for a technical foul following the play, but Dana Evans missed her first free throw of the season in 33 attempts.

Chicago took possession and Carter sank a jumper from the free-throw line for a 72-69 lead. After an Atlanta miss, Carter found Reese wide open under the basket for a five-point lead with 25.8 left. Evans stole an inbounds pass and was fouled with 20.6 left before making two free throws for

Chicago. Marina Mabrey blocked an Atlanta shot and quickly passed it to Reese, who was fouled with 6.4 seconds left. Reese got a friendly roll on the first attempt to complete the double-double. Reese, who passed Candace Parker for the longest double-double streak in league history on Sunday, finished with 11 points and 13 rebounds for Chicago (9-12). Kamilia Cardoso also had a double-double with 10 points and 11 rebounds. It was the third time this season that Reese and Cardoso had a double-double in the same game — the most by a rookie duo in WNBA history.

Allisha Gray scored 20 points for Atlanta (7-14). Haley Jones and Naz Hillmon each scored 12 points. The Dream were without Rhyne Howard, Jordin Canada and Aerial Powers.

## Gragson lands Cup seat with Front Row Motorsports

BY JENNA FRYER  
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Noah Gragson became the third of four Stewart-Haas Racing drivers to secure a seat for 2025 when Front Row Motorsports said Wednesday it had signed him to a multi-year deal.

SHR is shuttering three of its four Cup teams next year and Gene Haas will run one car without Tony Stewart as his partner. Chase Briscoe has already been hired by Joe Gibbs Racing and Josh Berry has been hired by Wood Brothers Racing.

Ryan Preece remains the only SHR driver still seeking a job for next season.

Gragson, a Las Vegas native, will be driving for his sixth team in four seasons. He drove for three different teams in 2022, and 21 races last year for Legacy Motor Club before he was suspended by NASCAR for liking an insensitive George Floyd meme on Instagram.

He spent the second half of 2023 working on self improvement and was hired by SHR in what should have been a dream landing. Instead, the team said last month it was closing most of the operation.

Gragson, who is 25, had 13 wins and finished second in the Xfinity Series championship race in 2022. He has 59 starts in the Cup Series since 2022 with seven top-10 finishes and two top-fives.

The signing of Gragson by Front Row keeps the driver in a Ford for a second consecutive year.

"We feel that this is a great opportunity and the perfect time to bring Noah to our organization," Front Row owner Bob Jenkins said. "He has just the right amount of experience in the NASCAR Cup Series to breakout and become a winner for years to come. This season,



Noah Gragson being introduced before the June NASCAR Cup Series race at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, in Loudon, N.H.

Noah has started to get the finishes, and race consistently up front, which was expected from him.

"Joining our team, staying with Ford Performance, and welcoming him to our partners, we are only going to accelerate his opportunity to win races and compete in the playoffs. This is the driver that we want to help get us more wins."

Gragson said he was thrilled to land a job so quickly after

SHR's decision to close and believes Front Row has a bright future. Todd Gilliland has already signed a contract extension with the team, but former Daytona 500 winner Michael McDowell is leaving at the end of the season.

The team recently acquired a third charter — presumably purchased from SHR — and has one more driver to hire. Gragson's car number, sponsor and crew chief were not revealed.

"I think a lot of people have seen the growth of Front Row Motorsports over the past several seasons in the NASCAR Cup Series," Gragson said. "This team, with Ford Performance, has shown it is capable of winning and wants to win more. There is a determination and plan to continue to grow and compete against the absolute best. There is a strong commitment on their part, and I am ready to give it my best next season."

When that NBC-Turner deal that started a quarter-century ago expired, the next deal — covering six seasons — cost ABC, ESPN and Turner about \$4.6 billion. The next was a seven-year deal, costing those networks \$7.4 billion.

The current deal, the one that will expire next season, smashed those records — nine years, nearly \$24 billion.

And now, that seems like pocket change.

From the deal that started in 1998-99 to the one now struck to begin in 2025, the total value has climbed by about 2,800%. Factoring for inflation even between then and now, the value goes up about 1,400%.

# Yormark: Big 12 solid as top 3 conference

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Brett Yormark believes the Big 12 has clearly solidified itself as one of the nation's top three conferences in a period of drastic change in college athletics, and the commissioner said the expanding league is more relevant than it has ever been in its nearly three-decades history.

"We are truly a national conference in 10 states, four time zones, and all eyes are now on the Big 12 for all the right reasons," Yormark said at the start of league's football media days Tuesday in Las Vegas.

While the league's past national champions, Oklahoma and Texas, left for the Southeastern Conference, a move that became official last week, Yormark touted the additions of the Four Corners schools from the Pac 12: Arizona, Arizona State, Colorado and Utah. Those schools are participating in media days before their Big 12 membership formally begins at the start of August to make it a 16-team league for the first time.

"On the football front, we will be the deepest conference in America. Every week will matter," Yormark said, then repeating that for emphasis before moving on. "We have star power and parity. We boast some of the top players and coaches in the game. November will be incredibly exciting and we will brand it as a race to the championship."

The SEC and Big Ten, the wealthiest and most powerful conferences, have worked together and at one point this year had proposed multiple automatic bids for their conferences in the College Football Playoff, which expands from four to 12 teams this season.

Yormark, going into his third year as the Big 12 commissioner after years in the entertainment industry, including a stint as CEO of Roc Nation, said his only thought each day is making the Big 12 the best version of itself. The Big 12 in 2022 extended its media rights deal with ESPN and Fox Sports through the 2030-31 school year, a move that came with two years left on the old deal and created stability and clarity for the league.

"Everything else doesn't really matter. And if we take care of business, we're going to be just fine," he said. "Not only have we had a great 24 months, but we continue to get better."

The Big 12 last month announced that the 14 schools that participated in the 2023-24 academic year shared a record \$470 million of revenue distribution, an increase of about \$30 million from the previous year. Without giving specific numbers, Yormark said the Big 12's sponsorship business grew 79% in the first year after that was streamlined to be handled directly by the conference instead of outside parties and that ticket sales grew 23% across the league.

Yormark said the league's top priority as a business is growth and creating value for its schools.

"As we build our brand, we will continue to build our business," he said. "We will not stumble into this new era following settlement. In fact, we will be aggressive and very proactive."

That settlement is the agreement in May by the NCAA and the nation's five biggest leagues to pay nearly \$2.8 billion to settle a host of antitrust claims. That decision sets the stage for a groundbreaking reve-

nue-sharing model that could start steering millions of dollars directly to athletes, expected to be more than \$20 million per school per year, as soon as the 2025 fall semester.

"We are going through a change, but I would rather call it a necessary reset," Yormark said. "In 10 years, I think we look back at this period as a positive moment in collegiate athletics history."

The commissioner said the settlement provides a very "crystal clear future and path forward" for college athletics and the Big 12.

"I often refer to our league as a mature startup," Yormark said. "This means our brand can be younger, more progressive, and innovative compared to some of our peers."

Yormark said the league is exploring all options, including Big 12 naming rights and private equity. But he didn't want to get into a conversation about private equity, then later said nothing is imminent on naming rights.

When he became the Big 12 commissioner two summers ago, Yormark was an executive with Jay-Z's Roc Nation and a former CEO of the NBA's Brooklyn Nets. He spent almost 15 years with the Nets and previously was with NASCAR, where he oversaw a \$750 million agreement with Nextel Communications for naming rights to the circuit's top racing series.

"Do I believe in naming rights? I do. I've done quite a few in my career," Yormark said. "I see the value, if they're the right naming rights, and it's the right partner. So we're going to explore it and we'll see where we land."

## Utah enters Big 12 favored to win league title

BY W.G. RAMIREZ  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAS VEGAS — Utah has won 26 conference championships in five different leagues, most recently capturing two Pac-12 titles and appearing in four championship games during its 13 seasons in that league.

Now the Utes are favored to win the Big 12 in their inaugural season in the league, according to the preseason media poll.

"It's much different than when we went into the Pac-12 because we were coming from G5 to P5, and we were not really on an even playing field yet," coach Kyle Whittingham said Tuesday during Big 12 football media days. "We feel we're definitely on an even playing field now and we have a chance to compete for a title right away. We've got a terrific roster, a great quarterback, and all the pieces are in place."

Whittingham is going into his 20th season with the Utes, having also coached them in the Western Athletic and Mountain West before they became Pac-12 members in 2011.

Utah is getting a big boost for its Big 12 debut with the return of 6-foot-2 senior quarterback Cameron Rising after he missed last season with a knee injury.

"I'm excited to watch him play again," Whittingham said.

"I mean, he's a terrific leader, terrific player, really the alpha dog of our football team. He's got the respect of everybody on the team. He's got that it factor at quarterback where he makes everybody around him better. And when he's in at quarterback he just exudes confidence and players believe in him. They believe in him 100%."

Rising threw for 3,034 yards with 26 touchdowns and eight interceptions in 2022, when he led the Utes to a win over USC and Caleb Williams in the Pac-12 title game.

### WILDCAT ON THE PROWL

Avery Johnson took over as the Kansas State quarterback when veteran Will Howard decided to transfer to Ohio State.

Johnson may have been the Wildcats' starter this season even if Howard had returned for a fifth season. Johnson's first start came in the Pop-Tarts Bowl after Howard entered the transfer portal, with the former top recruit throwing two touchdowns and running for 71 yards and another score in a win over North Carolina State.

Kansas State was picked second in the Big 12 preseason poll with Johnson going into his sophomore season.

"I feel like it played a big role,

just being able to go out there and kind of knock the dust off and get that first start out of the way," Johnson said Tuesday. "It was a lot of fun, just being able to go out there and play confidently with the guys around me. They really made my job easy."

### BELIEVING IN VEGAS

Big 12 Commissioner Brett Yormark mentioned Las Vegas nine times during his opening address, emphasizing how important it was for the league to establish a long-standing relationship in what has become a sports hotbed. That could lead to an eventual association with the Las Vegas Bowl, which remains committed to the SEC, Big 10 and the previous members of the Pac-12 Conference for the next two years.

"I'm confident at the right time we will have a formal affiliation with the Las Vegas Bowl," Yormark said. "This market is critically important. ... We need to be here in Vegas for all the right reasons. ... Entertainment and sports capital of the world, so critically important market for us in the future."

Las Vegas Bowl Executive Director John Saccenti, who was in attendance, said with the Big 12 now well-represented across the country, it makes sense to

eventually be aligned with the league.

"With these conferences expanding to more teams and with them all having national footprints, I want us to be in a good position to have some flexibility with as many folks as possible to continue to put the best matchup that's good for the destination," Saccenti said.

### SIDELINE SURFACES

The Big 12 and Microsoft announced Tuesday that the technological giant will provide Surface devices to each football program this fall to use on the sideline and in the coaching booth.

The tablets will enable players and coaches to access immediate footage for review of in-game action. They are the same devices used by all 32 NFL teams.

The NCAA Playing Rules Oversight Panel approved the use of tablets to view in-game videos earlier this year. Teams can have up to 18 active tablets for use in the coaching booth, sideline, and locker room. But the tablets can't be connected to other devices to project larger additional images and cannot include analytics, data or data access capability or other communication access.

## Thompson thinks he could be missing piece for Mavs

BY SCHUYLER DIXON  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — Klay Thompson remembers telling Luka Doncic he thought the Dallas superstar was on a path to greatness after Golden State beat the Mavericks in the Western Conference finals two years ago.

Now that Thompson has left the only NBA team he has known in 13 years to join Doncic and Kyrie Irving in Texas, he's ready to celebrate with, rather than console, the 25-year-old sensation.

"He was real gracious in defeat," Thompson said of Doncic on Tuesday during his introductory news conference with the Mavs. "I just appreciate someone who is not afraid of the moment and competes till the end. Luka fits that bill. I think we'll be able to bring the best out of each other."

The Warriors went on to win the last of their four championships with Thompson and Stephen Curry in 2022.

Two years later, an admittedly difficult sea-

son for Thompson ended with his scoreless, 0-for-10 showing in a loss to Sacramento in the play-in tournament.

He suspected that might be the end of his time with the team that drafted him 11th overall in 2011. And Thompson disappointed his dad, Los Angeles Lakers player-turned-broadcaster Mychal Thompson, by picking Doncic and Irving over LeBron James and Anthony Davis in free agency.

Watching the Mavs lose to Boston in five games in the NBA Finals had plenty to do with the decision.

"I was watching just as a basketball fan, and I did see, like, 'Man, I could really help this team. They're right there,'" Thompson said. "Not big adjustments, but just very little adjustments from getting over the top. We're knocking on the door, and that's what really got me excited to be here."

Thompson joined the Mavericks in a sign-and-trade deal involving six teams and a \$50 million, three-year contract for the 34-year-

old, a five-time All-Star.

Dallas also added free agent forward Naji Marshall on a \$27 million, three-year deal and acquired Quentin Grimes from Detroit in a trade that sent Tim Hardaway Jr. and three second-round picks to the Pistons.

Marshall and Grimes were already on board when they got news of the Thompson deal.

"I told everybody, 'I'm about to get a ring,'" said Grimes, who was born and raised in the Houston area. "One of the best shooters of all time, I'm going to learn from him every day. We've got a good group of guys, and when we got Klay, I'm like, 'The sky's the limit.'"

Thompson has had two full seasons since knee and Achilles heel injuries that sidelined him for 2 1/2 seasons. He is coming off his lowest scoring average in 11 years (17.9 points per game), and Thompson basically matched his career worst by shooting 38.7% from 3-point range.

## Messi plans to keep playing for Argentina beyond Copa America final

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Lionel Messi plans to keep playing for Argentina beyond Sunday's Copa America final.

"As I've said before, I intend to continue," he said Tuesday night after Argentina's 2-0 win over Canada. "I intend to keep living day by day without thinking about what will come in the future or whether I'll continue or not. It's something I just live each day. I'm 37 years and only God knows

when the end will be."

Messi scored his 109th international goal, his first in this year's tournament. It was his 14th in Copa America play, three shy of the record.

The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner spoke outside the locker room at MetLife Stadium, where he announced his retirement after missing a penalty kick in the shootout

loss to Chile in the 2016 Copa America final. He reversed his decision seven weeks later and

has scored 54 goals in 73 international appearances since, raising his matches for Argentina to 186 as he helped win the 2021 Copa America and 2022 World Cup.

Teammate Ángel Di María does intend to retire after Sunday's game against Uruguay or Colombia at Miami Gardens, Florida. The 36-year-old Di María made his international debut in 2008 and has 31 goals in 144 appearances,

"It's my last battle.

There's nothing left to say that I haven't said a lot of times before," Di María explained. "It's my last game. I have to say thank you to all Argentinians and to this generation that has allowed me to lift so many trophies."

Di María joined with Messi to lead Argentina to its third World Cup and 15th Copa America title.

"We've enjoyed him so much," Messi said. "He's always given his all and the best of himself and

that he will retire in a final is something he simply deserves."

Argentina coach Lio-

nel Scaloni held out hope Di María will reverse his decision.

"We don't want to start crying right now. We don't want to feel melancholy," Scaloni said. "We have to let him play and then we'll see if we can convince him or not to stay with us."

South American World Cup qualifying resumes in September, with each

## Reds' Greene replaces Glasnow on All-Stars roster

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Cincinnati right-hander Hunter Greene and Baltimore infielder Jordan Westburg became first-time All-Stars on Tuesday when they were picked as injury replacements.

Greene was selected by Major League Baseball to fill the spot of Los Angeles Dodgers right-hander Tyler Glasnow, placed on the 15-day injured list because of back tightness in a move retroactive to Saturday.

Westburg took the spot of Boston third baseman Rafael Devers because he finished second in player, manager and coach voting behind Cleveland's José Ramírez, the AL starter. Red Sox manager Alex Cora said Boston decided Devers should not go to the All-Star Game because of left shoulder soreness.

MLB said Glasnow still plans to attend the All-Star Game on July 16 at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas.

Greene and Westburg are first-time All-Stars, raising the total to 34. Five players have been replaced on the roster, raising the total of All-Stars to 69.

San Diego outfielder Fernando Tatis Jr., elected by fans to start, will miss the game because of a stress reaction in his right thigh bone. Dodgers shortstop Mookie Betts, voted in by players for his eighth straight All-Star appearance, has been out since breaking his left hand on June 16. Philadelphia pitcher Zack Wheeler is lined up to start for the Phillies this weekend and won't be available for the National League staff.

Cincinnati's 22-year-old speedster, Elly De La Cruz, got Betts' spot after finishing second to him on the player ballot. Pittsburgh pitcher Paul Skenes and San Francisco outfielder Heliot Ramos were picked by MLB to replace Wheeler and Tatis.

## Reds acquire Giants OF Slater for reliever Young

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cincinnati Reds acquired outfielder Austin Slater and cash in a trade with San Francisco that sent left-handed reliever Alex Young to the Giants.

Young was optioned to Triple-A Sacramento after the swap was finalized late Sunday night, the Giants said.

The 31-year-old Slater will join a new team for the first time after he spent all eight of his major league seasons with San Francisco. He is batting .200 with one home run and nine RBIs over 43 games this season, and will provide added depth for Cincinnati.

Slater has dealt with injuries in recent years. He underwent arthroscopic right elbow surgery last October and dealt with hamstring strains and a bout of vertigo last season, and he had a slow start this year but has been a reliable pinch-hitter.

Reds general manager Brad Meador told Cincinnati media the move "seemed to be a good fit for both teams."

Young, 30, pitched just two innings over three appearances for the Reds this year. He previously played for the Giants in 2022 after being acquired from the Guardians and also with Arizona from 2019-2021 during parts of six big league seasons.

national team scheduled to play 12 more matches.

The 2026 World Cup final will be at MetLife, that July 19.

"We will never be the ones to close the door," Scaloni said. "He can be with our team for as long as he wants to be. And if he wants to retire but still come and hang around, it would be great. And if he wants to come with me to somewhere else, I will take him everywhere so he can decide whatever he wants to do."

# Richardson, Lyles among track elite looking for 1st gold in Paris Olympics

BY EDDIE PELLS  
AP NATIONAL WRITER

There are big races, and then there are the Olympics.

When Sha'Carri Richardson, Noah Lyles and all the other fastest runners and best jumpers and throwers of 2024 line up for the Olympic track and field meet, little of what they've done on the road to Paris will mean much. What will matter is how they respond to pressure when the spotlight is on.

Will they end up shining as brightly as a Usain Bolt or Carl Lewis, whose knack for performing when Olympic gold medals were at stake turned them into larger-than-life icons?

Or will they be more like Jamaican sprinter Shericka Jackson and American hurdler Grant Holloway, among the best performers of their generation but still looking to parlay all that talent into a spot at the top of the Olympic podium?

"Right now, I do not hold a gold medal in the Olympics," said Lyles, who counts the bronze medal he won in the 200 meters at the Tokyo Games among his biggest disappointments. "I have multiple world championships, and national championships, as well. The only one that's missing from the list is an Olympic gold. And I'm planning on leaving with a lot of those."

The dramas involving Richardson, Lyles and everyone else will play out in 48 events spread over 10 days, with most of the action taking place at the Stade de France, starting Aug. 2. As an added bonus, there will be a bonus: a first-of-its-kind \$50,000 payout to all 48 gold medalists, courtesy of World Athletics, the organization that runs global track.

The near 2,200 athletes competing in the Olympics' biggest sport are well aware that the money is great, but the gold medal brings an air of immortality that only an Olympic title can.



Sha'Carri Richardson celebrates her win in the women's 100-meter run final during the U.S. Track and Field Olympic Team Trials in June. She will make her Olympic debut at Paris after her much-discussed and debated absence from the last Olympics due to a positive marijuana test.

"The moment only comes once every four years," Holloway said. "If you're not training to be an Olympic gold medalist, then what the hell are you doing? That's my mentality."

## RICHARDSON'S FIRST OLYMPICS

Richardson makes her Olympic debut after her much-discussed absence from the last Olympics due to a positive marijuana test.

Her current form, her status as the reigning world champion, along with the absence of two-time defending champion Elaine Thompson-Herah, all make Richardson the sprinter to beat in the women's 100. But it won't be a gimme.

Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce is heading to her fifth (and final) Olympics and has

won this race twice. Jackson is a 200 specialist (see below) but also one of the fastest in the world at this distance.

## LYLES TRIES TO WIN THE SPRINT DOUBLE

Lyles attributes a lot of his bad finish in 2021 to depression that kept him from focusing. That race is the only 200-meter sprint he's lost at a major championship.

By the time the 200 final comes around on Aug. 8, the 100 will be in the rearview mirror and we'll know if Lyles has a chance to complete a sprint double, a la Bolt, and Lewis before him. Lyles is the reigning world champ at 100, but he's less seasoned at that distance.

# U.S. men's basketball goals: Gold, seeing Byles

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

LAS VEGAS — Bam Adebayo has two primary goals to accomplish at the Paris Olympics. The first one is obvious: a gold medal.

The second one: getting a picture with Simone Biles.

Among Biles' biggest fans — literally — going into the Paris Games is a group of fellow Olympians, some of them more than 2 feet taller than she is, most of whom have never been to any sort of gymnastics meet in their lives. But make no mistake: The U.S. men's basketball team loves her.

"She's the best," three-time Olympic medalist LeBron James said. "It's that simple. She's the best."

It speaks to the power of Biles that, on an American roster with James and Kevin Durant and Stephen Curry and countless other greats from all sides of the sporting world, she's not only the face of the U.S. Olympic Team — but it could be argued that she's the face of the Paris Games, the most dominant and most captivating athlete in the world right

now. Biles is the most decorated gymnast ever, with 37 medals from Olympic and world championship competitions.

And when the U.S. basketball players can be there to watch her in Paris, they will be. If the schedules align on the basketball off days — and there are opportunities, such as the Aug. 1 women's all-around final — they'll be figuring out ways to get tickets.

"I heard it's really expensive to get in," said U.S. guard Tyrese Haliburton, whose five-year, \$245 million contract with the Indiana Pacers begins at the start of the next NBA season. "But I think I can make that work."

They feel Biles is worth it.

At 4-foot-8, she could probably dunk a basketball if she thought about it and came up with some super-creative way to make it happen. At last month's U.S. Olympic trials in Minneapolis, Biles reached a height of 12 feet — according to NBC — during the first tumbling pass of her floor routine. A basketball rim is 10 feet off the ground.

"To be that good — well,

excuse me, to be that great — and she still keeps breaking barriers," Adebayo said. "To be able to see that just one time and hopefully get a picture with her, it'd mean a lot because she's done a lot for not only the faces of us but for her sport as a whole."

Biles has seven Olympic medals, tying the most by any U.S. gymnast. And if Booker can be there to see her break that record, count him in.

"It's really inspiring," said Booker, who was part of the team at the Tokyo Olympics when the rules of the pandemic made it extremely difficult for athletes to attend other competitions. "That's another thing I missed last go-round. I wasn't able to watch any other events or see any other countries or anything. I'll be there in full support if I have the time and the schedule matches up."

Another thing that makes the basketball team marvel at Biles is her longevity.

The last 12 Olympic all-around competitions in women's gymnastics have been won by teenagers; Biles was

19 when she won gold at the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Games. She's 27 now. She'd be the second-oldest Olympic women's all-around champion ever if she wins in Paris.

With the expectation that this will be her last games, Durant is clear: "I've got to go see that," he said.

"I was talking to a gymnast the other day and I didn't know their peak is from like 15 to like 18 or 19 or something like that," Durant said.

"So, for her to be at that age and still elite, of course, yeah, I want to go check her out. I've always been a fan of what she was doing. Introduced me to that sport, really. I wasn't really paying attention much until she started doing her thing. ... Simone is somebody who set the tone for what a champion, an Olympian, a winner in life should be."

Biles still being the world's best at 27, in her sport, makes about as much sense as a 39-year-old entering his 22nd NBA season and signing \$100 million contracts to keep going and still playing at an extremely high level.

# Biles, James stars expected to bid 'adieu' to Olympics

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Icons of their sports. Voices for equality and social justice. Elite performers.

Simone Biles and LeBron James lead the list of athletes likely competing at their final Olympics.

Add in that Andy Murray will be retiring after the Paris Games and that Rafael Nadal may bid goodbye to tennis, too, and the stage is set for some emotional, high-profile goodbyes.

Here's a look at some of the top competitors expected to say "adieu" to the Olympics — or their sport in general — in the French capital:

## SIMONE BILES

At 27, Biles is the oldest American woman to make an Olympic gymnastics team since the 1950s. Having returned from a two-year break last summer, Biles can add to her career haul of seven Olympic medals — four of them gold — when she competes at the Bercy Arena.

## LEBRON JAMES

At 39, James is about to become the first U.S. men's basketball player to compete at the Olympics in three different decades. To get an idea of what stage he's at in his career, consider this: When James and the U.S. team opened their Olympic training camp in Las Vegas, his son, Bronny, was making his pro debut for the Los Angeles Lakers in the California Classic summer league.

## SHELLY-ANNE FRASER PRYCE

Jamaican sprinter Fraser-Pryce has announced that the Paris Games will be her fifth and final Olympics. The 37-year-old Fraser-Pryce, who has won eight Olympic medals, wants to spend more time with her husband and 6-year-old son, Zyon. Fraser-Pryce will run against Sha'Carri Richardson in the 100 meters.

## ANDY MURRAY AND RAFAEL NADAL

Murray's goodbye to Wimbledon didn't go the way he had hoped. The British player is hoping for a better result in the Olympic tennis competition on the red clay of Roland Garros, home of the French Open. Paris will mark Murray's fifth Olympics, having won back-to-back singles golds in 2012 and 2016. While Murray has indicated that he plans to end his career after the Olympics, Nadal's status is less clear. But playing the Olympics at the site where he won 14 French Opens — and where there's a statue of him outside Court Philippe Chatrier — will be special no matter what Nadal does next.

Nadal has won Olympic gold in both singles (in 2008) and doubles (in 2016) and will team up with Carlos Alcaraz for doubles in Paris.

## GIANMARCO TAMBERI

One of the biggest showmen in track and field, the Italian high jumper Tambari wants to go out on top by defending the gold medal that he shared with his good friend Mutaz Barshim in Tokyo. Both

Tambari and Barshim have indicated this will be their final Olympics.

## SARAH SJÖSTRÖM

At age 30, Swedish swimming standout Sjöström will be competing in her fifth Olympics. A winner of four medals at the Olympics, Sjöström is focusing on one individual event for Paris. She'll race the 50-meter freestyle — an event she holds the world record in — plus three relays. Sjöström made her Olympic debut in Beijing in 2008 at the age of 14.

## TOM DALEY

Daley was Britain's youngest athlete in 2008 at 14. Three years ago in Tokyo he won his first Olympic gold with partner Matty Lee in 10-meter synchronized and now he's back for a fifth Olympics. Daley drew attention for knitting between dives in Tokyo as a way of relaxing.

## MIKKEL HANSEN

With his shoulder-length hair and headband, the powerful left back Hansen is one of the most familiar faces in Danish sports. A three-time men's world player of the year, a record he shares with longtime rival Nikola Karabati, Hansen led Denmark to gold in Rio and silver in Tokyo.

## TEDDY RINER

The French heavyweight judoka Riner is one of host France's top medal hopes. He's looking to add to his haul of five Olympic medals, including three gold. He's also won a record 11 golds at worlds.

# White replaces Leonard on Team USA

BY TIM REYNOLDS  
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

LAS VEGAS — Derrick White of the NBA champion Boston Celtics has replaced the Los Angeles Clippers' Kawhi Leonard on the U.S. team for the Paris Olympics, USA Basketball said Wednesday in the first shakeup to a roster that was announced in the spring.

Leonard missed 12 of the Los Angeles Clippers' final 14 games this past season with right knee inflammation, though he said in recent days that he felt fine and the knee was doing well. USA Basketball said it, along with the Clippers, made the decision on Leonard's status for Paris.

"Kawhi has been ramping up for the Olympics over the past several weeks and had a few strong practices in Las Vegas," USA Basketball said in a statement. "He felt ready to compete. However, he respects that USA Basketball and the Clippers determined it's in his best interest to spend the remainder of the summer preparing for the upcoming season rather than participating in the Olympic Games in Paris."

White averaged 15.2 points and 5.2 assists for the Celtics this past season. His selection gives Boston three of the 12 players on the U.S. roster; Celtics teammates Jayson Tatum and Jrue Holiday also are Paris-bound.

White is expected to be in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, later this week to join the U.S. squad. The team will fly to Abu Dhabi from Las Vegas on Thursday and is scheduled to practice there Saturday ahead of exhibition games against Australia on July 15 and Serbia on July 17.

"I am happy to announce that Derrick will compete at his first Olympic Games on the heels of a championship season in Boston," USA Basketball managing director Grant Hill said. "We look forward to him joining the team in the coming days as we continue preparations for Paris."

"I want to thank Kawhi for his commitment to the USA Men's National Team," Hill added. "He earned the opportunity to represent the United States, but USA Basketball and Clippers leadership felt it's important to allow Kawhi to prepare for the NBA season."

White — a second-team All-Defensive selection after this past NBA season, meaning he'll clearly take some of the on-ball defending duties that the Olympic team likely envisioned Leonard having — has some USA Basketball experience, including being part of the 2019 World Cup team that finished seventh in China. He and the Celtics agreed on a four-year extension worth nearly \$126 million after the playoff run, one in which he led Boston with 65 made 3-pointers on a team-best 40.4% shooting from beyond the arc.

Leonard is a two-time NBA champion, six-time All-Star and six-time All-NBA player, but injury issues have been a recurring theme in his career. USA Basketball had monitored him closely in recent weeks, making sure he was doing well enough to be on the court after his season with the Clippers ended prematurely.

He has missed 256 regular-season games over the last seven years, including all of the 2021-22 season with knee trouble. He appeared in 68 games this past season for the Clippers, his most since playing in 74 for San Antonio during the 2016-17 season.

"This is just my journey," Leonard said earlier this week, discussing his injuries. "I can't lay out the perfect script for me. Last year I tried to play as much as possible, felt great and at a certain period of time I couldn't go. I tried the best that I could, but it's just my journey. I don't want to be in a situation that (I'm) in, but I've got to take it for what it is. And a lot of people are watching, supporters or doubters. But I motivate a lot of people, so I've got to keep doing what I'm doing."

Leonard — part of a 592-person Olympic team formally named by the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee earlier Wednesday — had said earlier this week that his knee was fine and he was able to resume on-court training about three weeks ago to get ready for the Games.

"I'm ready to go," Leonard said then. "I'm playing now so, I'm happy."

A couple of days later, hours before the first U.S. exhibition game against Canada and one day before the team departs for Abu Dhabi — the first of two international stops for more games and practices before arriving in France for the Olympics — Leonard was gone.

Leonard's departure leaves the U.S., at least until White arrives, with 10 available players. Kevin Durant will not play against Canada because of a calf strain and could not compete in the team's four-day training camp in Las Vegas that ended Tuesday. USA Basketball is working under the expectation that Durant will be ready for increasingly more on-court activity in the coming days.

Leonard had been invited to be part of USA Basketball teams in the past and had to decline for various reasons, primarily injury issues or long playoff runs.

"I always wanted to play against other talent overseas or just other basketball styles and players," Leonard said. "It is one of the reasons why I play the game."

**TATE**

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This year is Tate's first chance to run at Madison as the "good guy." Like Jimmy Shane before him, Tate made his name in the sport by beating Miss Madison Racing in head-to-head contests, including the 2018 National High Points Championship, one of only four times the Miss M has not won the title since 2008. That success had made him the arch-enemy of Madison fans, especially in wins.

Tate joined the Miss Madison Team last year, driving the U-91 Goodman Real Estate, but missed the Madison race after

his boat flipped the week before in Guntersville, Alabama. This year, Tate got the full experience of being Miss Madison driver while steering the Good-man to a dominating victory on Sunday.

"It definitely makes walking down the street or being in the parade or going out to dinner a heck of a lot easier, that's for sure," Tate laughed.

Tate's winning speed of 145.049 mph was the fastest on the course in a five-lap heat in unlimi-ted hydroplane racing's restricted era and just a hair off the Madison course record of 145.573 in 1996 set by his father, Mark, driving the Smokin' Joe's in a classic deck-to-deck duel with Dave

Villwock in the Pico Ameri-can Dream and Mark Evans in the Miss Bud-weiser. Villwock owned the restricted record of 139.640 set in 2007 aboard the Miss Elam Plus.

Tate is the seventh dif-ferent driver to claim a vic-tory while driving the Miss Madison, joining Buddy Byers, Jim McCormick, Ron Snyder, Mike Hanson, Steve David and Jimmy Shane.

Tate will now set his sights toward the western swing of the circuit, first at Tri-Cities, Washington, and then at Seattle where he will try to post a win for sponsor Goodman Real Estate's home course. He also currently holds a 475-point lead over J. Michael Kelly in the National High

Points Championship as he chases for the team's 12th title in the past 17 years.

But for now, the win in Madison will stand as one of the highlights of his career, right up there with two wins in his hometown of Detroit.

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you come from, I think everyone roots for the Madison team," Tate said. "It's super special for me and my family and I'm really, really glad to be a part of it."

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**MUSETTI**

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of those, including a five-setter at this year's French Open that concluded after 3 a.m. It was in Djokovic's following match in Paris that he tore the meniscus in his right knee.

"We know each other pretty well. They've always been a huge fight so I expect a big, big fight. It's going to be one of the toughest challenges on tour," Musetti said, "but I am an ambitious guy and I like to be challenged."

In the women's quarterfinals Wednesday, 2022 champion Elena Rybakina

grabbed nine of the last 11 games to defeat No. 21 Elina Svitolina 6-3, 6-2, and No. 31 Barbora Krejcikova eliminated No. 13 Jelena Ostapenko 6-4, 7-6 (4) in a matchup between two past champions at the French Open.

The other women's semi-final on Thursday is No. 7 Jasmine Paolini of Italy against unseeded Donna Vekic of Croatia.

Kazakhstan's Rybakina ended her win with her seventh ace and improved to 19-2 at Wimbledon in four appearances.

"Definitely, I have an aggressive style of game," Rybakina said. "I have a huge serve, so it's a big advantage."

Krejcikova won her first

Grand Slam title on the red clay at Roland Garros in 2021, but the 28-year-old from the Czech Republic never put together a five-match winning streak on grass until now.

De Minaur's exit is the latest due to injury in Week 2. His hip issue arose right at the end of his win against Arthur Fils on Monday.

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# Berhalter fired as U.S. men's soccer coach

BY RONALD BLUM  
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League Soccer's Columbus Crew (2013-18).

NEW YORK — Gregg Berhalter was fired 10 months into his second stint as U.S. men's soccer coach, leaving the Americans searching for a leader less than two years before they host the World Cup.

Berhalter was dismissed Wednesday, nine days after his team's first-round exit from the Copa America flamed doubts he was the right person to remain in charge.

"The Copa America result is extremely disappointing and I take full responsibility for our performance," Berhalter said in a statement. "Our approach and process was always focused on the 2026 World Cup and I remain confident that this group will be one of the great stories in 2026."

He led the U.S. to titles in the CONCACAF Nations League in 2021 and 2024, and to another with a B team in the 2021 CONCACAF Gold Cup. His players strongly supported Berhalter, saying he fostered a culture that bound the group.

That support led to Crocker rehiring Berhalter 5 1/2 months after his initial contract expired amid an investigation of a decades-old domestic violence allegation that was brought to the USSF's attention by the Reyna family, upset that Berhalter limited Gio Reyna's playing time at the World Cup. A law firm retained by the USSF said there was no legal obstacle to bringing Berhalter back.

Berhalter's detractors cited lack of success against teams outside the region and struggles on the road against Central American rivals. The U.S. gained the region's final automatic World Cup berth on goal difference, and it had the second-youngest team at the 2022 tournament in Qatar.

The U.S. wasted a second-half lead in a 1-1 draw with Wales, tied England 0-0 and defeated Iran 1-0 to reach the knockout stage, where the Americans played poorly in a 3-1 loss to the Netherlands.

USSF spokesman Neil Buethe would not make Crocker available to answer questions from The Associated Press.

"Our immediate focus is on finding a coach who can maximize our potential as we continue to prepare for the 2026 World Cup, and we have already begun our search process," Crocker said in a statement.

USSF president Cindy Parlow Cone also issued a statement. She did not immediately respond to a text message seeking additional comment.

Jürgen Klopp, Thierry Henry, Patrick Vieira and Marcelo Bielsa are among those being speculated about as candidates to replace Berhalter, along with Jesse Marsch, Hugo Pérez, Pellegrino Matarazzo, David Wagner, Steve Cherundolo, Jim Curtin, Massimiliano Allegri and Mauricio Pochettino.

Salary could be an issue. Berhalter earned \$2,291,136 in 2022, including \$900,000 in bonuses for the Americans qualifying for the World Cup and reaching the second round. A top-level men's coach could put pressure on the USSF to increase the salary of newly hired women's coach Emma Hayes.

Just 23 months remain before the World Cup comes to the United States for the second time and the Americans play their opener at Inglewood, California, on June 12, 2026.

The only competitive matches with the full player pool before then likely will be in the CONCACAF Nations League.

Berhalter, who turns 51 on Aug. 1, was the first American to coach the national team after playing for the team at a World Cup. He was hired to coach the U.S. in December 2018 after stints with Sweden's Hammarby (2011-13) and Major

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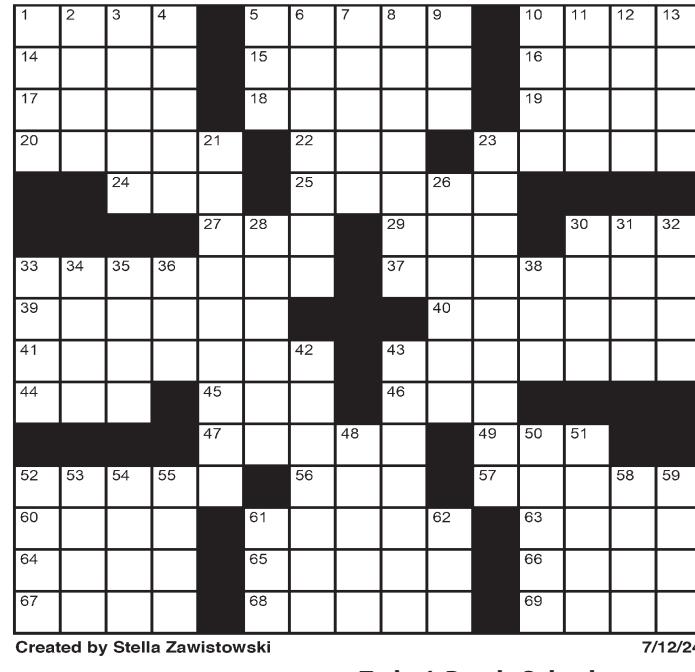
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5 Wave froth  
10 Amorphous lump  
14 Smitten by  
15 Stengel of baseball  
16 Like yellow bananas  
17 Red traffic sign  
18 Silly and stupid  
19 "You said it!"  
20 Big name, for short  
22 A long time  
23 Representative  
24 Non-native speaker's class: abbr.  
25 Old mint brand  
27 "Yuck!"  
29 Rembrandt's specialty  
30 Get on in years  
33 "Take that!" 2 wds.  
37 Went at great speed  
39 One-celled creature  
40 Not at rest  
41 Enrages  
43 Florida mammal  
44 Finish  
45 Nutritional letters: abbr.  
46 Spanish article  
47 Rips to bits  
49 Barcode type: abbr.  
52 Rome's country  
56 Morse code sound  
57 Canine or molar  
60 After-bath garment  
61 Tartan pattern  
63 Sore feeling  
64 Perfect sphere  
65 Dollars and cents  
66 Snowman's eyes  
67 Tidy  
68 Impolite look  
69 Round of applause

## DOWN

1 The D in CD  
2 Poker payment  
3 Shoulder wrap



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## Today's Puzzle Solved



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## Son is underwater helping parents with rent

Dear Eric: I got a good job, started making good money (\$55,000 to \$81,000 per year) and moved out. My parents and two brothers, who live together, keep asking me for help with expenses and the mortgage, which is now owned by a lender.

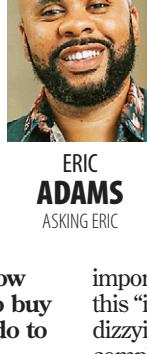
They're afraid of losing their house. Their rent is \$8,500 per month. They're waiting for interest rates to come down so they can pay less. They also own a condo that they've been trying to sell for \$1.6 million, but no buyers are offering this much.

They hope to use the money to buy their house back and pay off their debts. I don't understand how they could remortgage their house to buy a condo, only to have to sell the condo to rebuy the house.

I've been reluctant to help because I'm saving up for buying my own place. My parents say when they're old and don't want the house anymore, I'm entitled to one-third of it. So, if I want a share of the house, I should help them try to keep it.

They also want me to move back in and pay them rent because then at least I would be getting some of my money back when they pass the house down to me.

I personally don't care for the house. I've been helping with \$500 to \$900 a month, and I pay for one of my brother's expenses once in a while because he's a



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minor, and I feel bad for him. Should I keep helping them with rent? Honestly, I can't keep it up every month.

## — Homeowner Hassles

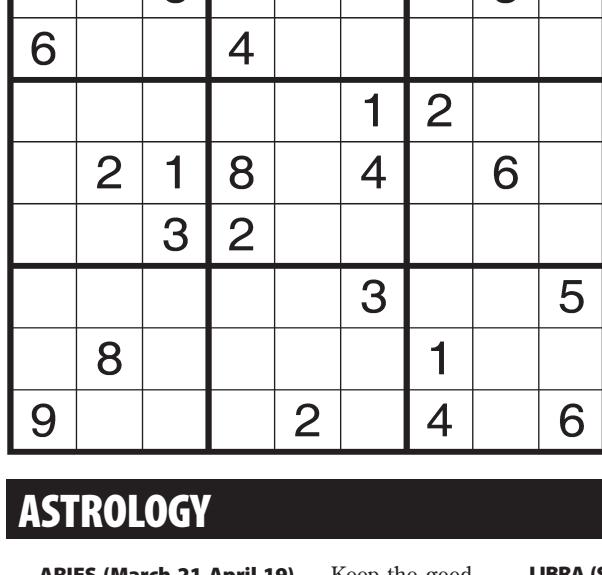
Dear Homeowner: This isn't a financially feasible plan for you or your parents. Or, as I like to say, the math ain't mathing. Back-of-the-envelope calculation time! Based on the range you provided, your affordable rent is, very roughly, \$1,375 to \$2,025. If you're paying \$900 to your parents for their rent, you see how little is left for your own rent. How are you building a secure financial foundation?

Families often pass down bad money management practices. It's important that you avoid whatever parts of this "inheritance" that you can. There's a dizzying circular logic to their plan that's also complicated by their refusal to take less than the asking price for their condo.

If things are so dire that they're taking a quarter of your post-tax income to stave off financial collapse, it's time for them to sell an asset. That's, in part, what assets are for!

Your parents should seek help from a debt counselor right away. It is not too late. But this isn't your problem to solve. Moreover, while it's a lovely gift to pass on property to another generation, the way they're framing it for you feels more akin to a pyramid scheme. You have to put money into something you don't want in order to (hopefully!) get money out at a later date? It Ain't. Mathing.

## SUDOKU



## ASTROLOGY

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Keep the good vibes rolling and stay on track. Consider waiting to dive into new ventures. Shiny new things might be tempting but jot them down on a wish list for now and treat yourself at a later time.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Embrace a balance between heart and desire. An itch to try something new or exciting may tempt you to take risks you would normally avoid. Someone might find your eccentric behavior surprising.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — Generosity is its own reward. Don't hesitate to donate to charities or pay a favor forward if the opportunity arises. Accept apologies or kindness from others. It's all about giving and receiving with good grace.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Stick to routines and fulfill your promises; consider reigning in those wild whims. Honor what makes you happy and feels right for your life while also keeping in mind what might make your loved ones happy.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — You might be restless if you are all by yourself, but it may be best to let fleeting temptations pass by like clouds in the sky. Consider opting for physical activities, sports, or travel with companions this weekend.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Friendship may outlast romance. Your charm is undeniable, but it might be easy to misread signals. Keep an open heart and mind, and you might learn something valuable from those who march to their own beat.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Dip your toes in the water and make a splash with your charm. You might just catch the attention of someone's eye. If single, you may enjoy a romantic chase but avoid evoking jealousy in someone else at all costs.

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## ACROSS

1 What a listener lends  
4 Box office hit  
9 Was bought  
13 Try to outrun  
14 Winter jacket  
15 Group of three  
16 Singer James  
17 Wedding spot  
18 Pealed  
19 Isaac Stern or Hilary Hahn  
21 Warsaw natives  
22 Get naked  
23 MBA subject: Abbr.  
25 Starter course, often  
28 Wisconsin collegians  
32 Dalmatian feature  
35 Mexican money  
37 Payable now  
38 Charged particle  
39 Lama  
40 Martini liquor  
41 "What's up, \_\_\_?"  
42 Oak tree's fruit  
43 Not straight  
44 Lift up  
47 Serving of cough syrup  
49 Fuel cartel: Abbr.  
50 Tiny landmass  
54 Mosey along  
57 Special events  
61 Baby horse  
62 \_\_\_ as a peacock  
63 Furry "Star Wars" character  
64 Part to play  
65 Gave an address  
66 Hair products  
67 Sole  
68 Colorado ski town  
69 Important time

## DOWN

1 Face-plant: 2 wds.  
2 Stage performer  
3 Down-to-earth person  
4 Go across  
5 West African land

6 \_\_\_ and sciences  
7 X Games vehicle  
8 Sarcastic laugh  
9 Powerful  
10 Taken by mouth  
11 In the \_\_\_ of duty  
12 Canine pets  
13 Guns, as an engine  
20 Wall Street debut: Abbr.  
21 Pea container  
24 Place to gamble  
26 The latest info  
27 U.S. program that provides international aid: 2 wds.  
29 Brink  
30 Undoing  
31 Maided off  
32 Dish with an entree  
33 Swimming spot  
34 A single time  
36 \_\_\_-mo replay  
43 Attack by surrounding  
45 Tennis shot

46 Imitate  
48 Bro's sibling  
51 Further down  
52 \_\_\_ Gay (WWII plane)  
53 Reaprochful clucks  
54 Natural Black hairstyle  
55 Space race goal  
56 Fancy dance  
58 Chicken's home  
59 Crunchy veggie, for short  
60 Yemen city  
62 Informative ad: Abbr.

## Today's Puzzle Solved



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## Friend fears pilot's lifestyle will lead to divorce

Dear Eric: A friend of mine, who is like a sister to me, and her husband just had a baby. The husband seems like a good guy, and while I have always been warm to him, I've also had a bad gut feeling about him due to his job as a pilot.

It's a super stressful job with high divorce rates, long times away from home and ample opportunities to cheat (quite frankly, for both of them). The relationship was certainly easier when she was traveling with him on some of his trips, but a baby is naturally going to change that aspect. They were never huge

on having kids, so it seems like a baby is almost a desperate attempt to save a marriage. I've always felt in the back of my mind that the marriage is destined to end in divorce and it's almost like watching a slow car crash developing. I could compartmentalize her handling divorce as long as she was childless. Obviously, the result would be more catastrophic now that the baby is in the picture.

Every day, I pray and hope that my gut is wrong and that this marriage lasts, but I am also worrying about preparing for the worst, which is to comfort my friend and her baby through the hurt of divorce.

Is praying for my friend's marriage all I can do at this point? Should I let my friend run her own race? Am I overly prejudiced

against pilots?

## — Sky High Divorce Rates

Dear Sky High: Is this marriage in trouble, or have you let your imagination take off into the stratosphere? What we have to go on: a gut feeling and perhaps one too many viewings of the Leonardo DiCaprio movie "Catch Me If You Can." What we don't have: information from your friend that would indicate there's turbulence.

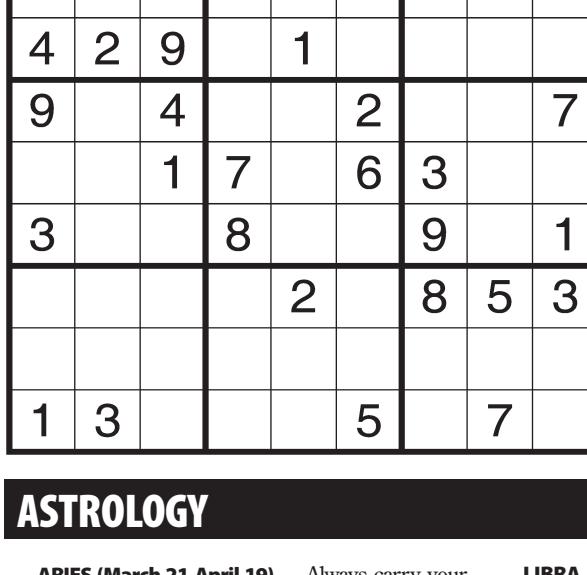
I'm curious what makes you think this is a desperate attempt to save the marriage rather than a family choice they made. I think you've let yourself get pretty far down the runway, and a return to the gate is in order.

While there are some online sources that list a high rate of divorce for airline pilots, figures from the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Five-Year Data (2009-2022) put the percentage of pilots who have ever divorced at 30, which is in line with the national average. But numbers reflect the story of the past and present, they don't necessarily dictate the future. There are plenty of professions with high stress and frequent travel, and people stay married in them all the time.

Test your thinking here. Your anxiety appears to be coming from a well-intentioned place, but ask yourself how much of this is actually happening in your friend's marriage and how much is coming from thin air.

Assume the best until you hear otherwise. Stay grounded.

## SUDOKU



## ASTROLOGY

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) — Always carry your positivity and can-do attitude with you to ward off any potential misunderstandings. You may be ready to conquer the world, and with a little tact, you could do just that while keeping others happy.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Change may be exciting. Lead the way and share your vision, steering clear of any debates. Your ideas could be valuable, so present them with clarity and confidence to a willing and avid audience.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) — You're ready to face any challenge. You may understand how to defend your rights without causing offense. An understanding attitude could prevail over ultimatums, possibly giving you the upper hand.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) — Spin the wheel of fortune. Turn on the charm, demonstrate your dedication, and forge agreements for a fair return. Luck favors the bold but remember to be sensitive to someone's doubts and insecurities.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Brace yourself if a special someone just is not able to resist your charm and magnetism; you might even feel like a sizzling force field of attractiveness. Soak it in and vibe with those warm harmonious feelings.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Someone may point out your flaws. View it as a powerful lesson to turn weaknesses into assets and become stronger. Tolerance for others' errors can be a key to learning from your own shortcomings.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Charm may bring new opportunities and helpful connections your way — you might or might not know when you've captivated someone. Consider joining a group that is interested in attaining similar goals and objectives.

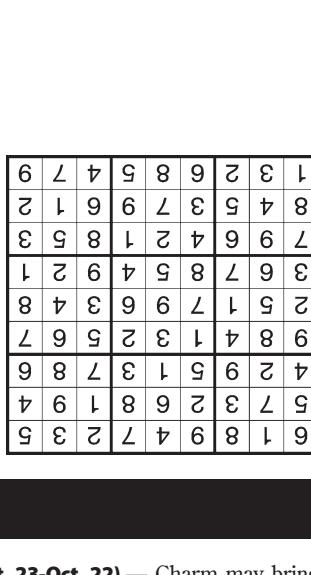
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Tackle your to-do list with great energy and you may find extra time for those heart-fluttering moments of your dreams. You and a special someone could grow closer by collaborating on a dynamic project.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Keep the momentum going. With your potentially high energy levels this weekend, you might dive enthusiastically into social activities and enjoy the camaraderie. A body in motion tends to remain in motion.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Tackle old challenges with a fresh, new perspective and share your grand vision of transformation and innovative techniques. You might be able to impress others with your originality, understanding, and skillset.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Early birds catch the worms. Your proactive and passionate attitude may lead to great achievements. Keep in mind, though, that even the best ideas might take a few rounds of discussion to perfect.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Relax and enjoy the present moment. Sometimes, the fun you anticipated doesn't quite play out as you hoped it would. But don't worry, things might start to feel harmonious again as night falls.



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# NHRA drag racer Force moved to rehab in California

BY JENNA FRYER  
AP AUTO RACING WRITER

John Force has left a Virginia hospital to move to a rehabilitation center closer to his home in California and the NHRA great celebrated the news by taking his daughter for ice cream on her birthday.

Brittany Force wrote on social media the stroll outside the hospital — Force appears to be in a wheelchair and has a cast on his right arm — was in celebration of her 38th birthday.

Force suffered a traumatic brain injury in a fiery, 300-mph crash at the Virginia Nationals last month. The 75-year-old was first in neurological intensive care and then moved into acute neuro care at the Virginia hospital. Among his other injuries is a fractured sternum.

Force's car had a catastrophic engine failure at the finish line and his dragster slammed driver-side into the left concrete guard wall and then careened back into the right wall.

Force spent 15 days at the VCU Medical Center

and on Tuesday boarded an AirMed ambulance for the three-hour flight to a neurological rehab center to treat his brain injury.

John Force Racing said in a statement that the 16-time NHRA Funny Car champion is still suffering from cognitive and behavioral symptoms from the TBI, but has been able to converse with family and staff. He's still prone to periods of confusion, but enjoyed Monday's birthday celebration with Brittany.

Graham Rahal, the IndyCar driver who is married to Force's daughter, Courtney, said Tuesday he was watching the Virginia Nationals on television as he prepared for his own race in California. He said Courtney was asleep and he immediately awakened her because "unfortunately I've seen

a lot of crashes in NHRA. Courtney's explosion in 2017 and Brittany had hers and John's had a lot over the last five or so years. But you know, you know when it's different."

He said it was an agonizing day in Monterey, California, as Force's

**Force suffered a traumatic brain injury in a fiery, 300-mph crash at the Virginia Nationals last month. The 75-year-old was first in neurological intensive care and then moved into acute neuro care at the Virginia hospital. Among his other injuries is a fractured sternum.**

wife, Laurie, was also with them at the IndyCar race and the trio was desperately trying to get any updates possible. Rahal praised the IndyCar medical team for quickly scrambling into action to assist in Force's care from afar, and once the IndyCar race was over, Rahal called in a favor from NetJets to get Courtney and her mother on a flight to Virginia.

"There were just so many questions to be asked, what was his condition? And it wasn't until really a day-and-a-half later that we started to get some clarity," Rahal said. "But you know, this is racing, and as much as I hate to be tone deaf to it — because I am not — these things happen."

Rahal also added that it took him years to get over the 2015 death of fel-

low IndyCar driver Justin Wilson, something Rahal said he's never before discussed publicly.

"He was a very close friend of mine and it took me years to move past the mental side of sitting in a car, particularly at Indianapolis or just a super-speedway, and not have a flash through me," Rahal said. "And so on that given Sunday with John, it was hard. But you've got to do what you've got to do and go out there."

"From there, our focus is just get the girls to him as fast as we could."

In 2007, at age 58, Force was seriously injured in a racing crash in Ennis, Texas. He has continued to race at the highest level and has two wins this sea-

son, including his record 157th NHRA victory in New Hampshire.

Force's daughter, Brittany, is a two-time world champion, while Courtney stepped away from NHRA as she and Rahal started a family. They share two young daughters that Rahal has been caring for while Force was surrounded in the Virginia hospital by his own four daughters and wife.

Rahal is the son of Bobby Rahal, a former Indianapolis 500 winner and three time IndyCar champion.

He said the Force family will rotate who is with John Force during his recovery as the family continues its respective racing careers.

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